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Hearing held to determine vote count legality

By Paul Eiser
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

An open hearing was held Tuesday before the Associated Students Judiciary on whether the methods to count the votes to bring two initiatives on the ballot were valid and legal.

The two issues in question at the hear-

ing were the Campus Life Initiative and the Campus Recreation Fee which were put on the ballot according to the Associated Student Bylaws' requirements.

"The question is, are our bylaws in conflict with the education code," A.S. Chief Justice Denise Cully said.

At issue is a conflict between the

California State Education Code, which requires signatures of 10 percent of the enrolled student population to bring an initiative to ballot, and the Associated Student Bylaws, which allows for fewer signatures — 25 percent of the number of students that voted in the last election.

According to Cully, with the two initia-

tives in question the signature counting was stopped at the 25 percent of the last election mark and then put on the ballot.

Cully said the 25 percent figure that was used as the minimum adds up to about 425 votes instead of the 10 percent minimum which would require about 2,600 votes to get on the ballot.

"I think it should be challenged to whichever is more," Bobbie Devine, business major and A.S. board member, said.

"If the education code calls for 10 percent of the student body to sign an initiative for an issue to be placed on the ballot,

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Senator Dianne Feinstein speaks with members of the media after a news conference held Tuesday at the San Jose Police Department.

Senator, mayor announce anti-gang bill

By Jeffrey Niese
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Senator Dianne Feinstein held a press conference with San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer to introduce the Federal Gang Violence Act, which she said she hopes will deter violent crime in big cities.

The 10-point act doubles the penalty for any member of a gang who commits a federal crime. The bill also expands interstate trafficking laws to stop the selling of guns; it makes the solicitation of a minor to join in a crime a new crime; it makes it a crime to wear a bullet proof vest while committing a federal crime; and it treats juveniles the same as adults when they illegally give a minor a firearm.

University Police Lt. Shannon Maloney said, "It (gang violence) is certainly a problem in the downtown area."

Maloney said gangs could affect a number of students who live around campus. He also said when gang warring goes on students can get caught up in it.

Thomas Shigemasa, assistant chief of police of the San Jose Police Department, said crime has increased 162 percent in San Jose over the past five years.

Shigemasa also said it would be nice to get support from the federal level.

"(Currently) sentences are too lenient," Feinstein said. She also said 13- and 14-year-olds are capable of the most heinous crimes, and if they commit adult crimes they should be treated as adults.

Hammer said Feinstein's ban on 19 different assault weapons helped make cities safer.

"Gang violence is everywhere," said Hammer. "The realities of what gangs have done is pre-

sent in every city across the country."

Hammer also said the Gang Violence Act will help deter the increase in minors who commit crimes.

Currently, members of known street gangs are not subjected to higher penalties for federal crimes, according to the bill. This legislation would change sentencing guidelines so individual gang members convicted of felonies will have their sentences doubled.

Feinstein said so far there has been no opposition to the bill, and said she plans to introduce the bill in Congress soon.

"This crime bill is a vehicle to fight crime," she said.

Hammer said, "(This bill is) prevention and intervention. If we can't stop young people from joining gangs we won't ever be successful."

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Event Center killing trial begins soon

By Jeffrey Niese
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The case of the killing of a Bill Graham Presents employee on Dec. 16, 1994 at a concert in the Event Center will go to pretrial on Feb. 28 in Santa Clara Supreme Court.

Justin Gies is accused with the slaying of Victor Morita with a 4-inch blade during a Danzig concert.

According to Richard Titus, deputy district attorney, Gies has already entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Lt. Shannon Maloney of the San Jose State University Police Department, said "Gies had been drinking and there is a question to his mental stability at the time of the incident."

Maloney said Gies demanded to be let into the back stage, and when security tried to stop him he became enraged.

Morita got stabbed when he came to help out.

Sherry Wasserman, vice president of Bill Graham Presents, was at the Danzig concert and said that in her opinion Gies is "just a crazy person."

"This guy came in intending to kill," she said.

Wasserman, who witnessed the incident, said Gies stabbed Morita 15 times before concert security had him handcuffed and under control.

Then Gies, after being restrained, looked up and said, "I'm OK now."

Wasserman said this is the only death to occur at the Event Center.

She also said Gies was not indicative of the crowd. "It was a young, clean audience," she said. "They were very calm."

More security at the event would not have helped anything, Wasserman said.

"(The incident was a) real fluke. Basically we had a madman. It wouldn't have mattered if we had an army," she said.

Wasserman said despite this one incident, concerts are relatively safe.

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Sherry Wasserman
Bill Graham Presents vice president

Round Table meeting to discuss definition of metropolitan university

By Lisa Brown
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

During the next quarterly SJSU Round Table meeting, scheduled for Friday, faculty, staff and student members will explore the definition of a metropolitan university and how it applies to SJSU and its university communities.

President Robert L. Caret created the SJSU Round Table, modeled after the Pew Higher Education Round Table, to discuss the direction SJSU will take with the coming millennium.

"(The round table) is a way to look at academic planning and open (a) dialogue with faculty and students," said Marilyn Charell, Associated Students president.

Today's work force faces three to seven

career changes in their lifetime, so if they don't know how to change, they're not going to survive, Charell said.

Members of the Pew Round Table said the danger is that colleges and universities have become less relevant to society precisely because they have yet to understand the new demands being placed on them.

Charell said the group, which first met last December, identified major issues and challenges facing SJSU, such as communication and access to resources.

The issues driving higher education, said SJSU spokeswoman Lori Stahl, are external factors; budget, technology and society.

The Pew Round Table said that those

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Associated Students president

external forces that were affecting society before are now affecting institutions.

"If leadership doesn't pay attention, take control of (its) change and shape (its) own destiny, it will shape (us)," Stahl said.

With the millennium approaching, Stahl said, the educational institutions realize that it is time to reinvent the acade-

mic environment.

"There was a real open and honest dialogue that took place," Charell said of the first Round Table meeting in December.

Charell also said members of the round table agreed that various departments which provide needs and solve problems should learn how to work together as a team rather than separate entities.

"Action" will be the magic word, Charell said.

"(But SJSU) is not good at accommodating change," Stahl said.

However, Charell said that turning problems into solutions is an indicator of success.

It would be a real breakthrough for a bureaucratic public institution when people start to learn to work together in solving problems, Charell said.

Michelle Bolton, from the College of Business and a round table facilitator, led the members at their first quarterly last year.

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SPARTAN SPEED READ

Snoop acquitted

Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, an ex-gang member turned successful recording artist, and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder Tuesday in the 1993 shooting death of a gang member.

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You'll smell terrific



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SJSU to play UCSB

After three straight victories, the Spartan basketball team is learning something about itself: play as one unit and you will be unbeatable.

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Buchanan wins N.H.

Pat Buchanan won a narrow victory Tuesday in New Hampshire's presidential primary, nudging Bob Dole from his perch as Republican front-runner.

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Apocalypse Later

S hhh. What's that sound? Can you hear the buzz? The night air is filled with waves of wackos.



JUSTIN
CARDER

The night air is filled with waves of wackos.

Late-night radio has always been the medium of choice for freaks from the fringe — people with opinions bobbing along the banks of the mainstream. When I was a child, the voices nervously vibrated with political conspiracy or tales of extraterrestrial encounters. The stories were not full of fright — they were full of awe.

But turn the midnight dial now. What you will hear is downright disturbing. The voices, you see, are convinced we are nearing the end of the world.

They have different names for it, and different theories as to how the end will come about, but they are sure it is coming — the "quickening," electro-magnetic-field weapons that alter the weather, space invaders, Carmie Wilson on an eating binge. The voices swear the end of the human race is approaching, be it with a whimper or a bang.

These feelings aren't inexplicable. We are nearing the end of a century and the end of a millennium. We are nearing the end of some big numbers, the keys to the human condition.

The end of certain numbers has meaning to humans. After 365 days, for example, my culture ends a year. It should not be a surprise that twisted minds would apply the same logic to the earth.

I wouldn't be concerned by the mistake in logic if it weren't for the echoes. The edges of society have been prophesying doom and upheaval throughout human history. Let them carry their placards in Times Square. Let them mumble down Market Street. Let them write down their revelations.

What scares me is the rest of the world. Maybe I just took notice, but it seems the world is starting to believe what the voices are saying. AIDS, global warming, nuclear devastation, race wars — these have taken on inevitable qualities. We are hopeless, it would seem. The mainstream is apocalyptic, too.

I was watching Saturday morning cartoons with my five-year-old cousin, Jordan, when a booming voice shook me awake. It was the

prologue to the "X-Men" and I'll be damned if it didn't smack of the very flavor of doom and destruction that the voices cry out about. And there is a child sitting on his

knees, much too close to the tube, soaking it all in. I tried to explain to him why he shouldn't watch the show. I tried to tell him about numbers and the universe and fear. I don't think he got it. He still watches the show, I'm sure. But at least he knows there's something wrong. "It's apocalyptic," Jordan says. It is.

So let me try again, Jordan. We'll see if I can't clear this up.

Numbers are for humans. They aren't for dogs, cats, rabbits or X-Men. Numbers are not for trees or oceans. Numbers are not for this planet. Numbers are ours.

Doesn't it seem silly that just as we get to the biggest number any of us have seen it just happens that we all start being chickens?

It's just a number, Jordan, a big, huge, gigantic number that we made ourselves. Now, we shouldn't be frightened by anything that we made ourselves, should we?

Chin up, buckaroo. There is too much to live for. There are too many things we humans need to get done. We don't have time to be afraid of silly things. We need to build and repair and relax. We need to ride our big wheels. We need to eat gummy rats. We need to live.

Let twisted minds be confused. Leave them be, and get to work, kid. You and I are on the edge of some pretty cool things.

That big ol' Internet just gets bigger and bigger. Our big ol' space ships just go farther and farther (and maybe someday, further and further). We might even be able to get this planet a little cleaner, eventually.

But to give up now, and cower in the shadow of impending doom is worthless. The sun came up today. It came up yesterday. It will probably come up tomorrow.

Today, we need to get ready for the future. We can have the apocalypse later.

Justin Carder is a Spartan Daily Columnist.
His column appears every Wednesday.

Editorial

Pretrial gag orders should not be allowed

The judge presiding over the Polly Klaas kidnap and murder case complained that KNTV violated a gag order when it aired a story about the defendant, Richard Allen Davis.

Judge Thomas Hastings said he wasn't going to impose any sanctions, but would like the media to show some restraint. KNTV news director Terry McElhatton said that they didn't want to create a media circus, but wanted to get the story. Who is right?

In California, court cases are public record. The public has the right to know the progress of a particular case. But how detailed can the media be when reporting on the case without tainting the information about it?

We've seen this before. Case in point: the Simpson murder trial.

Because of the media coverage, people formulated opinions about O.J. Simpson, Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman before Simpson even went to trial.

We see a similar situation with the Klaas case. Because publicity has been overwhelmingly against Davis, the defense must find jurors who can set aside what they have heard and focus on the facts of the case.

So the question remains: does the media affect the outcome of criminal trials? And if they do, should they be banned from covering trials?

We don't think so. True, the media may affect the way a person views a trial and consequently affect the impartiality of potential jury members, but the media will not present information the jurors will not come into contact with in the trial.

Also, what kind of precedent will a gag order set? Most people may agree with banning pretrial coverage in order to not bias jurors, but after that will we ban media access to trials?

As preposterous as it may seem to some people, the media are an integral part of government. Without them, we cannot be sure justice is served or people are informed.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," Thomas Jefferson once said.

And we agree. By banning media coverage of trials we threaten the very fabric of our freedom.

Programming itself should not be censored...

TV should not baby-sit

By Francis Ladines

In the early '80s, one of the most popular shows on television was "The A-Team". It would be remembered as one of the most violent programs at the time. Shootings, stabings and fist fights were riddled throughout the hour show. If I had to equate it to the movie rating system, I'd believe it be a PG-13 or even an R.

Today, television has perhaps become even more explicit in nature. Shows such as "COPS" and "NYPD Blue" feature several violent events. Other shows such as "Silk Stalkings" offer sexual situations. It's no wonder that because of overwhelming pressure from the public and politicians the four major broadcast television networks are considering a ratings system much like the one the Motion Picture Association of America has. The decision comes after years of the networks resisting it as censorship.

ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX are meeting to discuss a system that would ease public objections to violent and sexual content of some programs.

I believe the notion is a good idea, particularly with recent legislation requiring that all new TV sets come with a V-chip. A V-chip would allow a parent or guardian to block out certain shows that may be too mature for children.

Without a ratings system, a parent could block out programming with a V-chip. But it would be difficult for a parent to determine what shows may be inappropriate. A rating, listed with the show in a TV guide, would give a parent a standard that they can use. Just as the G, PG, PG-13 and R ratings for movies warn parents, the same principle could be applied toward television.

And it is television that perhaps has done more desensitizing of children to violence and sex than movies. With both parents working and single parent families becoming the norm, children are often left home without supervision. Ratings and the V-chip could give parents the means to protect their children.

Programs often show people getting hurt or maimed without later showing the consequences. Sexual situations are dealt with the same. To those too young to discern between

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sensationalism and reality, television may provide children a false sense of what is real or what is moral. Sure, the A-Team was one of my favorite shows and I enjoy watching those racy

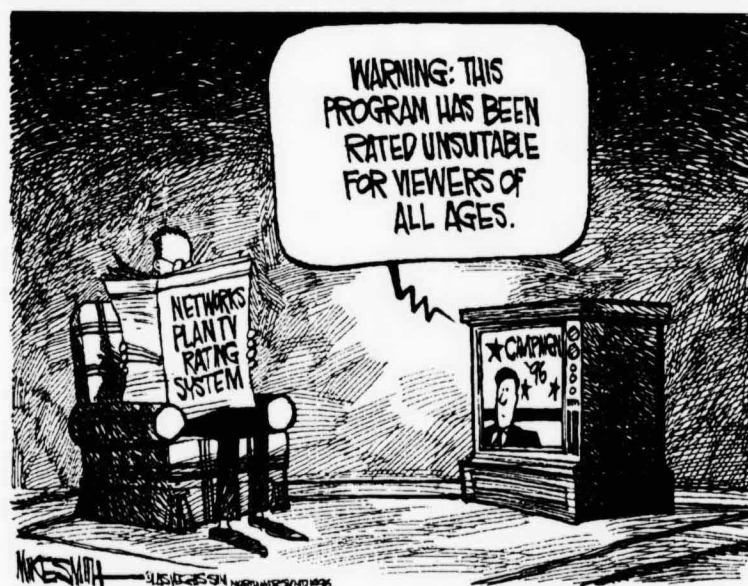
syndicated shows such as Silk Stalkings.

I don't believe programming itself should be censored. Those who are mature enough to watch such material should be free to see it. A ratings system might even allow for more, and even racier, programming with nudity and explicit language, specifically for adults. The ratings system could give parents the ability to separate what shows they watch from what the children can watch.

Regardless of the tools that may enable parents to block out programming, parents need to teach children about values and life. Though television may show drug use, violence, sex and other behaviors, it is the responsibility of parents to teach children right from wrong.

Despite the hectic schedules people have, taking time to talk to children will do so much more good than just preventing children from watching a TV show.

Francis Ladines is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



—Letter

Financial aid does its best

Recent articles and letters published in the Spartan Daily unfortunately reveal some common misunderstandings concerning financial aid. For instance, Melissa Esquivel in her letter (*Financial aid is unhelpful*, Feb. 16) expressed disappointment that she could not get a quick student loan "to buy a used car." She was also upset that she did not receive "at least \$465 for applying."

We regret it when any student receives inaccurate information

because financial aid, rightly understood, helps thousands of SJSU students each year. This year some 12,000 students will receive more than \$45 million in grants, loans, scholarship and work study.

The Financial Aid Office consists of administrators, counselors, and support staff dedicated to serve every student who requests or needs our assistance in any way. But as Becki Bell pointed out in her earlier article on financial aid offices (*What's wrong with the financial aid office*), there is a tremendous amount of federal and state regulation that govern the financial aid process and procedure.

We too wish that every student's situation could be swiftly resolved in a mutually satisfactory way.

In Ms. Esquivel's case, it is true that there are no quick student loans to buy a car, nor is there \$465 just for applying. But, if you truly need assistance and will work patiently with us through the system, I think that you will find the Financial Aid Office is committed to helping you in every way possible.

Richard C. Pfaff
Assistant Director of Counseling

Gun escalated incident

Jeff Niese has it mostly right in his column (*Going nowhere fast*, Feb. 20).

Mostly right except for one thing: Without a gun, the father of two would have bruises from a fight maybe, but not be shot dead.

Without a gun on his person or in his car, the heretofore model citizen and loving man might face a lesser charge than murder.

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SJSU's Daily Calendar

Today

Asian Student Support Group

General Meeting: 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 201. Call 924-5910.

Asian Student Union

"Lion Dance." 12noon-1p.m. Student Union, amphitheater. Call 295-8125.

Bulwer-Lytton English Club

Meeting, with entertainment and refreshments. 12:30p.m. Faculty Offices, rm. 104. Call 436-7471.

Campus Democrats

Weekly meeting. 4p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 864-1243.

Career Center

Co-Op orientation. 12:30p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 924-6033.

Career Center

"Interviewing for Success." 5:30p.m. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 924-6033.

Concert Choir

Choir needs tenors and altos. Apply 9a.m.-10:30a.m. Music Bldg., Choral Activities office. Call 924-4332.

Fantasy and Strategy Club

Open "RPG gaming." 5p.m.-10p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-7097.

Institute for Social Responsibility

Rev. Cecil Williams will speak. 12:30p.m. Morris Dailey Auditorium. Call 924-4523.

Library Donations and Sales Unit

Ongoing book sale (donations welcome). 10a.m.-2p.m. Wahlquist Library, rm. 408 and Clark Library, lobby. Call 924-2705.

Lutheran Student Fellowship

Bible study, and brown bag lunch. 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 924-8031.

Lutheran Student Fellowship

Evening Bible study. 7p.m.-8p.m. First Lutheran Church, 374 S. Third St. Call 292-8031.

Ohana O'Hawaii

General meeting. 7p.m.-9p.m. Student Union, Multicultural Center. Call 924-8753.

Physics Club

General meeting. 3p.m. Science Bldg., rm. 239. Call 924-5239.

Political Science Department

Washington Center internship program. 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5552.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)

Brown bag lunch, with Student Financial Aid and Services. 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5950.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)

Evening advising program. 5p.m.-7p.m. Student Union, third floor lobby. Call 924-5950.

School of Art and Design

Student gallery exhibits: Bob Moran, painting. Sam Richardson's class. Debbie Dague, painting. Gary Tolomei, mixed media. Beth Bresnan & Kyoko Fischer, painting and printmaking. Six various artists, fiberworks. 11a.m.-4p.m. (reception 6p.m.-8p.m.) Art Bldg. Call 924-4330.

Thursday

Alpha Eta Rho General meeting and elections. 5:30p.m. Aviation Bldg., rm. 107. Call 294-7951.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

"The Good News!" 7:30p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 286-6427.

BSU (Black Student Union)

Weekly meeting. 6:00p.m. Student Union, Multicultural rm. Call 924-6229.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Weekday mass for faculty, staff, students. 12:10p.m. 195 E. San Fernando St. Call 938-1610.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance

Meeting. 3:30p.m.-5p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, rm. 223. (phone number withheld).

Improvised Music Studies

Mariachi workshop. (one unit credit, registration is open). 7p.m.-9:30p.m. Music Bldg., rm. 186. Call 924-4675.

The Listening Hour

SJSU electro-acoustic ensemble, by Steve Reich. 12:30p.m.-1:15p.m. Music Bldg., Concert Hall. Call 924-4631.

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Meeting. 3p.m.-4p.m. Dudley Moorhead Hall, rm. 226B. Call 924-5323.

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PEOPLE

Mrs. Wayne, royal Dane, and a star chain

The Duke's widow paints the stars

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — John Wayne's widow has brought Hollywood and the Wild West to northern Mexico with paintings depicting the Duke, Marilyn Monroe and James Dean in famous movie roles.

The Peruvian born Pilar Wayne, who was married to Wayne for 27 years until his death in 1979, is showing an exhibit of 20 of her paintings at a gallery in this industrial capital 140 miles south of the U.S. border.

"I have been painting nearly everyday for the last 10 years," said Mrs. Wayne in an interview Tuesday with the daily El Norte. "When he died, it was difficult ... He was always a great husband and father. We were very close."

But she said Wayne had a defect: "He smoked too much."

In her works, which she describes as realistic, Mrs. Wayne portrays her husband in various movie scenes, including from The Quiet Man. Also shown are a family portrait with their three children.

One painting, a saloon scene, brings together both living and dead Hollywood legends, including Barbra Streisand and James Dean.

She said she learned to paint as a schoolgirl, when she also played the piano, took ballet and cooking lessons.

"In those days, they trained us to be a good wife," she told El Norte.

Mrs. Wayne was invited to exhibit here by friends. Her works will be displayed for several weeks.

"He was a great friend of Mexico, a country he loved very much," she said.

Roberts has too many balls in the air

NEW YORK (AP) — Julia Roberts says it's a brave man who dares to ask for a date.

"Nobody ever asks me out. Ever. Almost never. Almost absolutely never," she told Entertainment Weekly magazine. "Look, if you read the paper, you figure I'm booked till, like, 2004. Like, why would you even ask me? I've got so many balls in the air, I can hardly stand up!"

One man who did ask was Matthew Perry of "Friends."

"I love being engaged in conversation with this man, because he's so terribly clever," she said. "Wit is the key, I think, to anybody's heart, because who doesn't like to laugh? Who? Show me the person who doesn't like to laugh and I'll show you a person with a toe tag."

Bank sues ice star for cold hard cash

PHOENIX (AP) — A bank is suing former Olympic skating star Dorothy Hamill and her husband for repayment of nearly \$621,000 in loans that went toward a skating-arena business now in financial trouble.

Bank of America Arizona filed suit last week

against Hamill, her husband, Dr. Kenneth Forsythe, and Hamill Camel Productions. It contends they defaulted on the loans.

The loans date from 1994 and financed Dorothy Hamill Skating Centers Inc., which runs a skating arena in Scottsdale and has filed for bankruptcy.

Danish royalty visit island prison

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Danish Queen Margrethe II, Prince Consort Henrik and Crown Prince Frederik visited Robben Island on Tuesday to see the prison cell where Nelson Mandela was held for 18 years.

Ahmed Kathrada, an aide to Mandela, led the royal visitors on the tour of the prison off Cape Town.

They visited the cells, a recreation area and bathrooms of Block B, where the future president of South Africa, Kathrada and other African National Congress leaders were held as political prisoners.

Prince Frederik paused to take a photo of Mandela's cell.

Kathrada said the visit was a gesture of thanks to the queen and all of Denmark for supporting the anti-apartheid struggle.

The 'skinny' on Ivana and The Donald

NEW YORK (AP) — Marla Maples Trump says The Donald thinks she's too thin and prefers a "more voluptuous" look.

"Donald's always saying, 'You're so skinny,'" she said in the current issue of Fitness magazine.

Mrs. Trump, who is 5-foot-8, said she weighed 140 pounds when they met, but has trimmed down to 118 pounds. Her reason?

"People weren't seeing me for what's on the inside as much as for that body," she said.

Mrs. Trump, 32, said she practiced yoga to get in shape after the birth of their daughter, Tiffany, now 2. She said she doesn't mind having a few stretch marks and has no plans for cosmetic surgery.

"I have nothing against it, but it frightens me and I don't think I could stomach it."

Planet Hollywood goes public

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watch out, Wall Street: the Terminator and Rocky are looking for money.

The parent company of Planet Hollywood, the star-studded restaurant chain, is planning to sell stock to the public. Planet Hollywood International Inc., in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, said it intends to raise an estimated \$190.5 million through sale of common stock.

The restaurant chain is owned by movie stars such as "Rocky" star Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger of the "Terminator" movies, as well as actors Bruce Willis, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg.

Jurors acquit rapper, bodyguard of murder

Jury still deadlocked on voluntary manslaughter charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, an ex-gang member turned successful recording artist, and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder Tuesday in the 1993 shooting death of a gang member.

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One woman shouted as the verdict was read for bodyguard McKinley Lee, but the courtroom was quiet after Superior Court Judge John Flynn admonished the audience to remain calm.

The jury also acquitted Broadus and Lee, 25, of conspiracy to commit assault in the Aug. 25, 1993, shooting death of Philip Woldemariam, an Ethiopian immigrant.

"I feel very remorseful," Broadus told reporters from MTV's cable news show. "But you know, I mean, God made the decision. And he did what he did. We're just gonna encourage everybody to just keep praying for us and supporting us, fearlessly; and keeping our heads up high and realizing that everything's everything."

The panel deadlocked on a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter against both men and an accessory-after-the-fact charge against Broadus. The jury foreman said jurors failed to reach agreement on the voluntary manslaughter charges after 15 ballots.

The judge ordered jurors back into the jury room to deliberate on those counts. Jury deliberations resumed about 3:15 p.m.

Defense attorney David Kenner called the 2 1/2-year-old case was difficult and emotional. "It's just very wonderful at this time to get the news we just got," Kenner said the fact the victim was armed helped convince jurors to vote not guilty on the murder count.

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It was the latest in a string of high-profile cases lost by Los Angeles County prosecutors, including the O.J. Simpson murder case, the Menendez brothers' first murder trial, the state trial of four officers accused in the beating of Rodney King.

Deputy District Attorney Ed Nison said prosecutors would not comment on an ongoing case.

Prosecutors claimed the two tracked Woldemariam down and shot him in cold blood at a city park after Woldemariam flashed a gang sign and shouted an obscenity in an earlier confrontation outside Broadus' apartment.

Defense lawyers called the shooting an act of self-defense, claiming Woldemariam was going for a gun in the waistband of his pants when Lee fired at him from a Jeep driven by Broadus.

Prosecutor Robert Grace disputed the self-defense claim, saying in closing arguments that Woldemariam, 20, was shot in the back and buttocks as he tried to flee Broadus and Lee.

Playing off the lyrics of one of the rapper's songs — "Murder Was the Case" — Grace told the jury: "Murder is the crime they committed. Murder is the crime they committed. Murder is the crime they committed."

Hours before the verdicts, jurors were told they wouldn't be visiting the park where Woldemariam was shot. The jury asked Flynn on Friday to tour Woodbine Park.

But the judge said such a trip could mislead the jury because the park has been remodeled.

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The 55-year-old man, whose name was not released, was ice-fishing when he noticed that his patch of ice had broken adrift. He couldn't reach land across the rapidly widening expanse of frigid ocean water.

So he whipped out his cellular telephone and punched in the number of the fire department in nearby Fredrikstad, a town in southern Norway, to let them know of his involuntary voyage.

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Editorial

Pretrial gag orders should not be allowed

The judge presiding over the Polly Klaas kidnap and murder case complained that KNTV violated a gag order when it aired a story about the defendant, Richard Allen Davis.

Judge Thomas Hastings said he wasn't going to impose any sanctions, but would like the media to show some restraint. KNTV news director Terry McElhatton said that they didn't want to create a media circus, but wanted to get the story. Who is right?

In California, court cases are public record. The public has the right to know the progress of a particular case. But how detailed can the media be when reporting on the case without tainting the information about it?

We've seen this before. Case in point: the Simpson murder trial.

Because of the media coverage, people formulated opinions about O.J. Simpson, Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman before Simpson even went to trial.

We see a similar situation with the Klaas case. Because publicity has been overwhelmingly against Davis, the defense must find jurors who can set aside what they have heard and focus on the facts of the case.

So the question remains: does the media affect the outcome of criminal trials? And if they do, should they be banned from covering trials?

We don't think so. True, the media may affect the way a person views a trial and consequently affect the impartiality of potential jury members, but the media will not present information the jurors will not come into contact with in the trial.

Also, what kind of precedent will a gag order set? Most people may agree with banning pretrial coverage in order to not bias jurors, but after that will we ban media access to trials?

As preposterous as it may seem to some people, the media are an integral part of government. Without them, we cannot be sure justice is served or people are informed.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," Thomas Jefferson once said.

And we agree. By banning media coverage of trials we threaten the very fabric of our freedom.

Apocalypse Later

Shhh. What's that sound? Can you hear the buzz? The night air is filled with waves of wackos.

Late-night radio has always been the medium of choice for freaks from the fringe — people with opinions bobbing along the banks of the mainstream. When I was a child, the voices nervously vibrated with political conspiracy or tales of extraterrestrial encounters. The stories were not full of fright — they were full of awe.

But turn the midnight dial now. What you will hear is downright disturbing. The voices, you see, are convinced we are nearing the end of the world.

They have different names for it, and different theories as to how the end will come about, but they are sure it is coming — the "quickening," electro-magnetic-field weapons that alter the weather, space invaders, Carmie Wilson on an eating binge. The voices swear the end of the human race is approaching, be it with a whimper or a bang.

These feelings aren't inexplicable. We are nearing the end of a century and the end of a millennium. We are nearing the end of some big numbers, the keys to the human condition.

The end of certain numbers has meaning to humans. After 365 days, for example, my culture ends a year. It should not be a surprise that twisted minds would apply the same logic to the earth.

I wouldn't be concerned by the mistake in logic if it weren't for the echoes. The edges of society have been prophesying doom and upheaval throughout human history. Let them carry their placards in Times Square. Let them mumble down Market Street. Let them write down their revelations.

What scares me is the rest of the world. Maybe I just took notice, but it seems the world is starting to believe what the voices are saying. AIDS, global warming, nuclear devastation, race wars — these have taken on inevitable qualities. We are hopeless, it would seem. The mainstream is apocalyptic, too.

I was watching Saturday morning cartoons with my five-year-old cousin, Jordan, when a booming voice shook me awake. It was the



JUSTIN
CARDER

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prologue to the "X-Men" and I'll be damned if it didn't smack of the very flavor of doom and destruction that the voices cry out about. And there is a child sitting on his knees, much too close to the tube, soaking

ing it all in. I tried to explain to him why he shouldn't watch the show. I tried to tell him about numbers and the universe and fear. I don't think he got it. He still watches the show. I'm sure. But at least he knows there's something wrong. "It's apocalyptic," Jordan says. It is.

So let me try again, Jordan. We'll see if I can't clear this up. Numbers are for humans. They aren't for dogs, cats, rabbits or X-Men. Numbers are not for trees or oceans. Numbers are not for this planet. Numbers are ours.

Doesn't it seem silly that just as we get to the biggest number any of us have seen it just happens that we all start being chickens?

It's just a number, Jordan, a big, huge, gigantic number that we made ourselves. Now, we shouldn't be frightened by anything that we made ourselves, should we?

Chin up, buckaroo. There is too much to live for. There are too many things we humans need to get done. We don't have time to be afraid of silly things. We need to build and repair and relax. We need to ride our big wheels. We need to eat gummy rats. We need to live.

Let twisted minds be confused. Leave them be, and get to work, kid. You and I are on the edge of some pretty cool things.

That big ol' Internet just gets bigger and bigger. Our big ol' space ships just go farther and farther (and maybe someday, further and further). We might even be able to get this planet a little cleaner, eventually.

But to give up now, and cover in the shadow of impending doom is worthless. The sun came up today. It came up yesterday. It will probably come up tomorrow.

Today, we need to get ready for the future. We can have the apocalypse later.

Justin Carder is a Spartan Daily Columnist. His column appears every Wednesday.

Programming itself should not be censored...

TV should not baby-sit

By Francis Ladines

In the early '80s, one of the most popular shows on television was "The A-Team". It would be remembered as one of the most violent programs at the time. Shootings, stabbings and fist fights were riddled throughout the hour show. If I had to equate it to the movie rating system, I'd believe it be a PG-13 or even an R.

Today, television has perhaps become even more explicit in nature. Shows such as "COPS" and "NYPD Blue" feature several violent events. Other shows such as "Silk Stalkings" offer sexual situations. It's no wonder that because of overwhelming pressure from the public and politicians the four major broadcast television networks are considering a ratings system much like the one the Motion Picture Association of America has. The decision comes after years of the networks resisting it as censorship.

ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX are meeting to discuss a system that would ease public objections to violent and sexual content of some programs.

I believe the notion is a good idea, particularly with recent legislation requiring that all new TV sets come with a V-chip. A V-chip would allow a parent or guardian to block out certain shows that may be too mature for children.

Without a ratings system, a parent could block out programming with a V-chip. But it would be difficult for a parent to determine what shows may be inappropriate. A rating, listed with the show in a TV guide, would give a parent a standard that they can use. Just as the G, PG, PG-13 and R ratings for movies warn parents, the same principle could be applied toward television.

And it is television that perhaps has done more desensitizing of children to violence and sex than movies. With both parents working and single parent families becoming the norm, children are often left home without supervision. Ratings and the V-chip could give parents the means to protect their children.

Programs often show people getting hurt or maimed without later showing the consequences. Sexual situations are dealt with the same. To those too young to discern between

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sensationalism and reality, television may provide children a false sense of what is real or what is moral. Sure, the A-Team was one of my favorite shows and I enjoy watching those racy

syndicated shows such as Silk Stalkings.

I don't believe programming itself should be censored. Those who are mature enough to watch such material should be free to see it. A ratings system might even allow for more, and even racier, programming with nudity and explicit language, specifically for adults. The ratings system could give parents the ability to separate what shows they watch from what the children can watch.

Regardless of the tools that may enable parents to block out programming, parents need to teach children about values and life. Though television may show drug use, violence, sex and other behaviors, it is the responsibility of parents to teach children right from wrong.

Despite the hectic schedules people have, taking time to talk to children will do so much more good than just preventing children from watching a TV show.

Francis Ladines is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



—Letter—

Financial aid does its best

Recent articles and letters published in the Spartan Daily unfortunately reveal some common misunderstandings concerning financial aid. For instance, Melissa Esquivel in her letter (*Financial aid is unhelpful*, Feb. 16) expressed disappointment that she could not get a quick student loan "to buy a used car." She was also upset that she did not receive "at least \$465 for applying."

We regret it when any student receives inaccurate information

because financial aid, rightly understood, helps thousands of SJSU students each year. This year some 12,000 students will receive more than \$45 million in grants, loans, scholarship and work study.

The Financial Aid Office consists of administrators, counselors, and support staff dedicated to serve every student who requests or needs our assistance in any way. But as Becki Bell pointed out in her earlier article on financial aid offices (*What's wrong with the financial aid office*), there is a tremendous amount of federal and state regulation that govern the financial aid process and procedure.

We too wish that every student's situation could be swiftly resolved in a mutually satisfactory way.

In Ms. Esquivel's case, it is true that there are no quick student loans to buy a car, nor is there \$465 just for applying. But, if you truly need assistance and will work patiently with us through the system, I think that you will find the Financial Aid Office is committed to helping you in every way possible.

Richard C. Pfaff
Assistant Director of Counseling

Gun escalated incident

Jeff Niese has it mostly right in his column (*Going nowhere fast*, Feb. 20).

Mostly right except for one thing: Without a gun, the father of two would have bruises from a fight maybe, but not be shot dead.

Without a gun on his person or in his car, the heretofore model citizen and loving man might face a lesser charge than murder.

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General Meeting, 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 201. Call 924-5910.

Asian Student Union

"Lion Dance," 12noon-1p.m. Student Union, amphitheater. Call 295-8123.

Bulwer-Lytton English Club
Meeting, with entertainment and refreshments, 12:30p.m. Faculty Offices, rm. 104. Call 436-7471.

Campus Democrats
Weekly meeting, 4p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 364-1243.

Career Center
Co-Op orientation, 12:30p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 924-6033.

Career Center
"Interviewing for Success," 5:30p.m. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 924-6033.

Concert Choir
Choir needs tenors and altos. Apply 9a.m.-10:30a.m. Music Bldg., Choral Activities office. Call 924-4332.

Fantasy and Strategy Club
Open "RPG gaming," 5p.m.-10p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-7097.

Institute for Social Responsibility
Rev. Cecil Williams will speak, 12:30p.m. Morris Dailey Auditorium. Call 924-4523.

Library Donations and Sales Unit
Ongoing book sale (donations welcome), 10a.m.-2p.m. Wahlquist Library, rm. 408 and Clark Library, lobby. Call 924-2705.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Bible study, and brown bag lunch, 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 924-8031.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Evening Bible study, 7p.m.-8p.m. First Lutheran Church, 374 S. Third St. Call 292-8031.

Ohana O'Hawaii
General meeting, 7p.m.-9p.m. Student Union, Multicultural Center. Call 924-8758.

Physics Club
General meeting, 3p.m. Science Bldg., rm. 239. Call 924-5239.

Political Science Department
Washington Center internship program, 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5552.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)
Brown bag lunch, with Student Financial Aid and Services, 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5950.

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Evening advising program, 5p.m.-7p.m. Student Union, third floor lobby. Call 924-5950.

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Thursday

Alpha Eta Rho
General meeting and elections, 5:30p.m. Aviation Bldg., rm. 107. Call 294-7951.

Asian American Christian Fellowship
"The Good News!" 7:30p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 286-6427.

BSU (Black Student Union)
Weekly meeting, 6:00p.m. Student Union, Multicultural rm. Call 924-6229.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Weekday mass for faculty, staff, students, 12:10p.m. 195 E. San Fernando St. Call 988-1610.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance
Meeting, 3:30p.m.-5p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, rm. 223. (phone number withheld).

Improvised Music Studies
Mariachi workshop, (one unit credit, registration is open), 7p.m.-9:30p.m. Music Bldg., rm. 186. Call 924-4675.

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PEOPLE

Mrs. Wayne, royal Dane, and a star chain

The Duke's widow paints the stars

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — John Wayne's widow has brought Hollywood and the Wild West to northern Mexico with paintings depicting the Duke, Marilyn Monroe and James Dean in famous movie roles.

The Peruvian born Pilar Wayne, who was married to Wayne for 27 years until his death in 1979, is showing an exhibit of 20 of her paintings at a gallery in this industrial capital 140 miles south of the U.S. border.

"I have been painting nearly everyday for the last 10 years," said Mrs. Wayne in an interview Tuesday with the daily El Norte. "When he died, it was difficult ... He was always a great husband and father. We were very close."

But she said Wayne had a defect: "He smoked too much."

In her works, which she describes as realistic, Mrs. Wayne portrays her husband in various movie scenes, including from The Quiet Man. Also shown are a family portrait with their three children.

One painting, a saloon scene, brings together both living and dead Hollywood legends, including Barbra Streisand and James Dean.

She said she learned to paint as a schoolgirl, when she also played the piano, took ballet and cooking lessons.

"In those days, they trained us to be a good wife," she told El Norte.

Mrs. Wayne was invited to exhibit here by friends. Her works will be displayed for several weeks.

"He was a great friend of Mexico, a country he loved very much," she said.

Roberts has too many balls in the air

NEW YORK (AP) — Julia Roberts says it's a brave man who dares to ask for a date.

"Nobody ever asks me out. Ever. Almost never. Almost absolutely never," she told Entertainment Weekly magazine. "Look, if you read the paper, you figure I'm booked till, like, 2004. Like, why would you even ask me? I've got so many balls in the air, I can hardly stand up!"

One man who did ask was Matthew Perry of "Friends."

"I love being engaged in conversation with this man, because he's so terribly clever," she said. "Wit is the key, I think, to anybody's heart, because who doesn't like to laugh? Who? Show me the person who doesn't like to laugh and I'll show you a person with a toe tag."

Bank sues ice star for cold hard cash

PHOENIX (AP) — A bank is suing former Olympic skating star Dorothy Hamill and her husband for repayment of nearly \$621,000 in loans that went toward a skating-arena business now in financial trouble.

Bank of America Arizona filed suit last week

against Hamill, her husband, Dr. Kenneth Forsythe, and Hamill Camel Productions. It contends they defaulted on the loans.

The loans date from 1994 and financed Dorothy Hamill Skating Centers Inc., which runs a skating arena in Scottsdale and has filed for bankruptcy.

Danish royalty visit island prison

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Danish Queen Margrethe II, Prince Consort Henrik and Crown Prince Frederik visited Robben Island on Tuesday to see the prison cell where Nelson Mandela was held for 18 years.

Ahmed Kathrada, an aide to Mandela, led the royal visitors on the tour of the prison off Cape Town.

They visited the cells, a recreation area and bathrooms of Block B, where the future president of South Africa, Kathrada and other African National Congress leaders were held as political prisoners.

Prince Frederik paused to take a photo of Mandela's cell.

Kathrada said the visit was a gesture of thanks to the queen and all of Denmark for supporting the anti-apartheid struggle.

The 'skinny' on Ivana and The Donald

NEW YORK (AP) — Marla Maples Trump says The Donald thinks she's too thin and prefers a "more voluptuous" look.

"Donald's always saying, 'You're so skinny,'" she said in the current issue of Fitness magazine.

Mrs. Trump, who is 5-foot-8, said she weighed 140 pounds when they met, but has trimmed down to 118 pounds. Her reason?

"People weren't seeing me for what's on the inside as much as for that body," she said.

Mrs. Trump, 32, said she practiced yoga to get in shape after the birth of their daughter, Tiffany, now 2. She said she doesn't mind having a few stretch marks and has no plans for cosmetic surgery.

"I have nothing against it, but it frightens me and I don't think I could stomach it."

Planet Hollywood goes public

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watch out, Wall Street: the Terminator and Rocky are looking for money.

The parent company of Planet Hollywood, the star-studded restaurant chain, is planning to sell stock to the public. Planet Hollywood International Inc., in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, said it intends to raise an estimated \$190.5 million through sale of common stock.

The restaurant chain is owned by movie stars such as "Rocky" star Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger of the "Terminator" movies, as well as actors Bruce Willis, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg.

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Prosecutor Robert Grace disputed the self-defense claim, saying in closing arguments that Woldemariam, 20, was shot in the back and buttocks as he tried to flee Broadus and Lee.

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Stuck man stays cool, dials help

OSLO, Norway (AP) — When a Norwegian fisherman found himself floating out to sea on a chunk of ice Tuesday, he kept his cool and let his fingers do the walking — to safety.

The 55-year-old man, whose name was not released, was ice-fishing when he noticed that his patch of ice had broken apart. He couldn't reach land across the rapidly widening expanse of frigid ocean water.

So he whipped out his cellular telephone and punched in the number of the fire department in nearby Fredrikstad, a town in southern Norway, to let them know of his involuntary voyage.

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Apocalypse Later

Shhh. What's that sound? Can you hear the buzz? The night air is filled with waves of wackos.



JUSTIN
CARDER

The night air is filled with waves of wackos.

Late-night radio has always been the medium of choice for freaks from the fringe — people with opinions bobbing along the banks of the mainstream. When I was a child, the voices nervously vibrated with political conspiracy or tales of extraterrestrial encounters. The stories were not full of fright — they were full of awe.

But turn the midnight dial now. What you will hear is downright disturbing. The voices, you see, are convinced we are nearing the end of the world.

They have different names for it, and different theories as to how the end will come about, but they are sure it is coming — the "quickening," electro-magnetic-field weapons that alter the weather, space invaders, Carnie Wilson on an eating binge. The voices swear the end of the human race is approaching, be it with a whimper or a bang.

These feelings aren't inexplicable. We are nearing the end of a century and the end of a millennium. We are nearing the end of some big numbers, the keys to the human condition.

The end of certain numbers has meaning to humans. After 365 days, for example, my culture ends a year. It should not be a surprise that twisted minds would apply the same logic to the earth.

I wouldn't be concerned by the mistake in logic if it weren't for the echoes. The edges of society have been prophesying doom and upheaval throughout human history. Let them carry their placards in Times Square. Let them mumble down Market Street. Let them write down their revelations.

What scares me is the rest of the world. Maybe I just took notice, but it seems the world is starting to believe what the voices are saying. AIDS, global warming, nuclear devastation, race wars — these have taken on inevitable qualities. We are hopeless, it would seem. The mainstream is apocalyptic, too.

I was watching Saturday morning cartoons with my five-year-old cousin, Jordan, when a booming voice shook me awake. It was the

prologue to the "X-Men" and I'll be damned if it didn't smack of the very flavor of doom and destruction that the voices cry out about. And there is a child sitting on his knees, much too close to the tube, soaking it all in. I tried to explain to him why he shouldn't watch the show. I tried to tell him about numbers and the universe and fear. I don't think he got it. He still watches the show, I'm sure. But at least he knows there's something wrong. "It's apocalyptic," Jordan says. It is.

So let me try again, Jordan. We'll see if I can't clear this up.

Numbers are for humans. They aren't for dogs, cats, rabbits or X-Men. Numbers are not for trees or oceans. Numbers are not for this planet. Numbers are ours.

Doesn't it seem silly that just as we get to the biggest number any of us have seen it just happens that we all start being chickens?

It's just a number, Jordan, a big, huge, gigantic number that we made ourselves. Now, we shouldn't be frightened by anything that we made ourselves, should we?

Chin up, buckaroo. There is too much to live for. There are too many things we humans need to get done. We don't have time to be afraid of silly things. We need to build and repair and relax. We need to ride our big wheels. We need to eat gummy rats. We need to live.

Let twisted minds be confused. Leave them be, and get to work, kid. You and I are on the edge of some pretty cool things.

That big ol' Internet just gets bigger and bigger. Our big ol' space ships just go farther and farther (and maybe someday, further and further). We might even be able to get this planet a little cleaner, eventually.

But to give up now, and cower in the shadow of impending doom is worthless. The sun came up today. It came up yesterday. It will probably come up tomorrow.

Today, we need to get ready for the future. We can have the apocalypse later.

Justin Carder is a Spartan Daily Columnist.

His column appears every Wednesday.

Programming itself should not be censored...

TV should not baby-sit

By Francis Ladines

In the early '80s, one of the most popular shows on television was "The A-Team". It would be remembered as one of the most violent programs at the time. Shootings, stabbings and fist fights were riddled throughout the hour show. If I had to equate it to the movie rating system, I'd believe it be a PG-13 or even an R.

Today, television has perhaps become even more explicit in nature. Shows such as "COPS" and "NYPD Blue" feature several violent events. Other shows such as "Silk Stalkings" offer sexual situations. It's no wonder that because of overwhelming pressure from the public and politicians the four major broadcast television networks are considering a ratings system much like the one the Motion Picture Association of America has. The decision comes after years of the networks resisting it as censorship.

ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX are meeting to discuss a system that would ease public objections to violent and sexual content of some programs.

I believe the notion is a good idea, particularly with recent legislation requiring that all new TV sets come with a V-chip. A V-chip would allow a parent or guardian to block out certain shows that may be too mature for children.

Without a ratings system, a parent could block out programming with a V-chip. But it would be difficult for a parent to determine what shows may be inappropriate. A rating, listed with the show in a TV guide, would give a parent a standard that they can use. Just as the G, PG, PG-13 and R ratings for movies warn parents, the same principle could be applied toward television.

And it is television that perhaps has done more desensitizing of children to violence and sex than movies. With both parents working and single parent families becoming the norm, children are often left home without supervision. Ratings and the V-chip could give parents the means to protect their children.

Programs often show people getting hurt or maimed without later showing the consequences. Sexual situations are dealt with the same. To those too young to discern between

Editorial

Pretrial gag orders should not be allowed

The judge presiding over the Polly Klaas kidnap and murder case complained that KNTV violated a gag order when it aired a story about the defendant, Richard Allen Davis.

Judge Thomas Hastings said he wasn't going to impose any sanctions, but would like the media to show some restraint. KNTV news director Terry McElhatton said that they didn't want to create a media circus, but wanted to get the story. Who is right?

In California, court cases are public record. The public has the right to know the progress of a particular case. But how detailed can the media be when reporting on the case without tainting the information about it?

We've seen this before. Case in point: the Simpson murder trial.

Because of the media coverage, people formulated opinions about O.J. Simpson, Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman before Simpson even went to trial.

We see a similar situation with the Klaas case. Because publicity has been overwhelmingly against Davis, the defense must find jurors who can set aside what they have heard and focus on the facts of the case.

So the question remains: does the media affect the outcome of criminal trials? And if they do, should they be banned from covering trials?

We don't think so. True, the media may affect the way a person views a trial and consequently affect the impartiality of potential jury members, but the media will not present information the jurors will not come into contact with in the trial.

Also, what kind of precedent will a gag order set? Most people may agree with banning pretrial coverage in order to not bias jurors, but after that will we ban media access to trials?

As preposterous as it may seem to some people, the media are an integral part of government. Without them, we cannot be sure justice is served or people are informed.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," Thomas Jefferson once said.

And we agree. By banning media coverage of trials we threaten the very fabric of our freedom.

Though television may show drug use, violence, sex and other behaviors, it is the responsibility of parents to teach children right from wrong.

sensationalism and reality, television may provide children a false sense of what is real or what is moral. Sure, the A-Team was one of my favorite shows and I enjoy watching those racy

syndicated shows such as Silk Stalkings.

I don't believe programming itself should be censored. Those who are mature enough to watch such material should be free to see it. A ratings system might even allow for more, and even racier, programming with nudity and explicit language, specifically for adults. The ratings system could give parents the ability to separate what shows they watch from what the children can watch.

Regardless of the tools that may enable parents to block out programming, parents need to teach children about values and life. Though television may show drug use, violence, sex and other behaviors, it is the responsibility of parents to teach children right from wrong.

Despite the hectic schedules people have, taking time to talk to children will do so much more good than just preventing children from watching a TV show.

Francis Ladines is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



Letter

Financial aid does its best

Recent articles and letters published in the Spartan Daily unfortunately reveal some common misunderstandings concerning financial aid. For instance, Melissa Esquivel in her letter (*Financial aid is unhelpful*, Feb. 16) expressed disappointment that she could not get a quick student loan "to buy a used car." She was also upset that she did not receive "at least \$465 for applying."

We regret it when any student receives inaccurate information

because financial aid, rightly understood, helps thousands of SJSU students each year. This year some 12,000 students will receive more than \$45 million in grants, loans, scholarship and work study.

The Financial Aid Office consists of administrators, counselors, and support staff dedicated to serve every student who requests or needs our assistance in any way. But as Becki Bell pointed out in her earlier article on financial aid offices (*What's wrong with the financial aid office*), there is a tremendous amount of federal and state regulation that govern the financial aid process and procedure.

We too wish that every student's situation could be swiftly resolved in a mutually satisfactory way.

In Ms. Esquivel's case, it is true that there are no quick student loans to buy a car, nor is there \$465 just for applying. But, if you truly need assistance and will work patiently with us through the system, I think that you will find the Financial Aid Office is committed to helping you in every way possible.

Richard C. Pfaff
Assistant Director of Counseling

Gun escalated incident

Jeff Niese has it mostly right in his column (*Going nowhere fast*, Feb. 20).

Mostly right except for one thing: Without a gun, the father of two would have bruises from a fight maybe, but not be shot dead.

Without a gun on his person or in his car, the heretofore model citizen and loving man might face a lesser charge than murder.

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Asian Student Support Group

General Meeting, 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 201. Call 924-5910.

Asian Student Union

"Lion Dance," 12noon-1p.m. Student Union, amphitheater. Call 295-8123.

Bulwer-Lytton English Club
Meeting, with entertainment and refreshments, 12:30p.m. Faculty Offices, rm. 104. Call 436-7471.

Campus Democrats

Weekly meeting, 4p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 364-1243.

Career Center

Co-Op orientation, 12:30p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 924-6033.

Career Center

"Interviewing for Success," 5:30p.m. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 924-6033.

Concert Choir

Choir needs tenors and altos. Apply 9a.m.-10:30a.m. Music Bldg., Choral Activities office. Call 924-4332.

Fantasy and Strategy Club

Open "RPC gaming," 5p.m.-10p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-7097.

Institute for Social Responsibility

Rev. Cecil Williams will speak, 12:30p.m. Morris Dailey Auditorium. Call 924-4523.

Library Donations and Sales Unit

Ongoing book sale (donations welcome), 10a.m.-2p.m. Wahlquist Library, rm. 408 and Clark Library, lobby. Call 924-2705.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Bible study, and brown bag lunch, 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 924-8031.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Evening Bible study, 7p.m.-8p.m. First Lutheran Church, 374 S. Third St. Call 292-8031.

Ohana O'Hawaii

General meeting, 7p.m.-9p.m. Student Union, Multicultural Center. Call 924-8758.

Physics Club

General meeting, 3p.m. Science Bldg., rm. 239. Call 924-5239.

Political Science Department
Washington Center internship program, 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5552.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)

Brown bag lunch, with Student Financial Aid and Services, 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5950.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)

Evening advising program, 5p.m.-7p.m. Student Union, third floor lobby. Call 924-5950.

School of Art and Design

Student gallery exhibits: Bob Moran, painting; Sam Richardson's class, Debbie Dague, painting; Gary Tolomei, mixed media; Beth Bresnan & Kyoko Fischer, painting and printmaking. Six various artists, fiberworks, 11a.m.-4p.m. (reception 6p.m.-8p.m.) Art Bldg. Call 924-4330.

Thursday

Alpha Eta Rho
General meeting and elections, 5:30p.m. Aviation Bldg., rm. 107. Call 294-7951.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

"The Good News!" 7:30p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 286-6427.

BSU (Black Student Union)
Weekly meeting, 6:00p.m. Student Union, Multicultural rm. Call 924-6229.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Weekday mass for faculty, staff, students, 12:10p.m. 195 E. San Fernando St. Call 938-1610.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance

Meeting, 3:30p.m.-5p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, rm. 223. (phone number withheld).

Improvised Music Studies

Mariachi workshop, (one unit credit, registration is open), 7p.m.-9:30p.m. Music Bldg., rm. 186. Call 924-4675.

The Listening Hour

SJSU electro-acoustic ensemble, by Steve Reich, 12:30p.m.-1:15p.m. Music Bldg., Concert Hall. Call 924-4631.

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PEOPLE

Mrs. Wayne, royal Dane, and a star chain

The Duke's widow paints the stars

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — John Wayne's widow has brought Hollywood and the Wild West to northern Mexico with paintings depicting the Duke, Marilyn Monroe and James Dean in famous movie roles.

The Peruvian born Pilar Wayne, who was married to Wayne for 27 years until his death in 1979, is showing an exhibit of 20 of her paintings at a gallery in this industrial capital 140 miles south of the U.S. border.

"I have been painting nearly everyday for the last 10 years," said Mrs. Wayne in an interview Tuesday with the daily El Norte. "When he died, it was difficult ... He was always a great husband and father. We were very close."

But she said Wayne had a defect: "He smoked too much."

In her works, which she describes as realistic, Mrs. Wayne portrays her husband in various movie scenes, including from The Quiet Man. Also shown are a family portrait with their three children.

One painting, a saloon scene, brings together both living and dead Hollywood legends, including Barbra Streisand and James Dean.

She said she learned to paint as a schoolgirl, when she also played the piano, took ballet and cooking lessons.

"In those days, they trained us to be a good wife," she told El Norte.

Mrs. Wayne was invited to exhibit here by friends. Her works will be displayed for several weeks.

"He was a great friend of Mexico, a country he loved very much," she said.

Roberts has too many balls in the air

NEW YORK (AP) — Julia Roberts says it's a brave man who dares to ask for a date.

"Nobody ever asks me out. Ever. Almost never. Almost absolutely never," she told Entertainment Weekly magazine. "Look, if you read the paper, you figure I'm booked till, like, 2004. Like, why would you even ask me? I've got so many balls in the air, I can hardly stand up!"

One man who did ask was Matthew Perry of "Friends."

"I love being engaged in conversation with this man, because he's so terribly clever," she said. "Wit is the key, I think, to anybody's heart, because who doesn't like to laugh? Who? Show me the person who doesn't like to laugh and I'll show you a person with a toe tag."

Bank sues ice star for cold hard cash

PHOENIX (AP) — A bank is suing former Olympic skating star Dorothy Hamill and her husband for repayment of nearly \$621,000 in loans that went toward a skating-arena business now in financial trouble.

Bank of America Arizona filed suit last week

against Hamill, her husband, Dr. Kenneth Forsythe, and Hamill Camel Productions. It contends they defaulted on the loans.

The loans date from 1994 and financed Dorothy Hamill Skating Centers Inc., which runs a skating arena in Scottsdale and has filed for bankruptcy.

Danish royalty visit island prison

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Danish Queen Margrethe II, Prince Consort Henrik and Crown Prince Frederik visited Robben Island on Tuesday to see the prison cell where Nelson Mandela was held for 18 years.

Ahmed Kathrada, an aide to Mandela, led the royal visitors on the tour of the prison off Cape Town.

They visited the cells, a recreation area and bathrooms of Block B, where the future president of South Africa, Kathrada and other African National Congress leaders were held as political prisoners.

Prince Frederik paused to take a photo of Mandela's cell.

Kathrada said the visit was a gesture of thanks to the queen and all of Denmark for supporting the anti-apartheid struggle.

The 'skinny' on Ivana and The Donald

NEW YORK (AP) — Marla Maples Trump says The Donald thinks she's too thin and prefers a "more voluptuous" look.

"Donald's always saying, 'You're so skinny,'" she said in the current issue of Fitness magazine.

Mrs. Trump, who is 5-foot-8, said she weighed 140 pounds when they met, but has trimmed down to 118 pounds. Her reason?

"People weren't seeing me for what's on the inside as much as for that body," she said.

Mrs. Trump, 32, said she practiced yoga to get in shape after the birth of their daughter, Tiffany, now 2. She said she doesn't mind having a few stretch marks and has no plans for cosmetic surgery.

"I have nothing against it, but it frightens me and I don't think I could stomach it."

Planet Hollywood goes public

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watch out, Wall Street: The Terminator and Rocky are looking for money.

The parent company of Planet Hollywood, the star-studded restaurant chain, is planning to sell stock to the public. Planet Hollywood International Inc., in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, said it intends to raise an estimated \$190.5 million through sale of common stock.

The restaurant chain is owned by movie stars such as "Rocky" star Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger of the "Terminator" movies, as well as actors Bruce Willis, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg.

Jurors acquit rapper, bodyguard of murder

Jury still deadlocked on voluntary manslaughter charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, an ex-gang member turned successful recording artist, and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder Tuesday in the 1993 shooting death of a gang member.

The 24-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, stared straight ahead as a Superior Court clerk read the seven-man, five-woman jury's verdicts.

One woman shouted as the verdict was read for bodyguard McKinley Lee, but the courtroom was quiet after Superior Court Judge John Flynn admonished the audience to remain calm.

The jury also acquitted Broadus and Lee, 25, of conspiracy to commit assault in the Aug. 25, 1993, shooting death of Philip Woldemariam, an Ethiopian immigrant.

"I feel very remorseful," Broadus told reporters from MTV's cable news show. "But you know, I mean, God made the decision. And he did what he did. We're just gonna encourage everybody to just keep praying for us and supporting us, fearlessly, and keeping our heads up high and realizing that everything's everything."

The panel deadlocked on a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter after the fact charge against Broadus. The jury foreman said jurors failed to reach agreement on the voluntary manslaughter charges after 15 ballots.

The judge ordered jurors back into the jury room to deliberate on those counts. Jury deliberations resumed about 3:15 p.m.

Defense attorney David Kenner called the 2 1/2-year-old case was difficult and emotional. "It's just very wonderful at this time to get the news we just got," Kenner said the fact the victim was armed helped convince jurors to vote not guilty on the murder count.

Co-counsel Marcia Morrissey added: "With these verdicts, the

jury has soundly rejected the prosecution's case. We're hopeful, with further deliberation, they will reject the other counts."

It was the latest in a string of high-profile cases lost by Los Angeles County prosecutors, including the O.J. Simpson murder case, the Menendez brothers' first murder trial, the state trial of four officers accused in the beating of Rodney King.

Deputy District Attorney Ed Nison said prosecutors would not comment on an ongoing case.

Prosecutors claimed the two tracked Woldemariam down and shot him in cold blood at a city park after Woldemariam flashed a gang sign and shouted an obscenity in an earlier confrontation outside Broadus' apartment.

Defense lawyers called the shooting an act of self-defense, claiming Woldemariam was going for a gun in the waistband of his pants when Lee fired at him from a Jeep driven by Broadus.

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Hearing

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then A.S. must adhere to this policy... other CSU schools follow the education code," said Marilyn Charell, A.S. president.

Devine said, "I found the elections to be invalid. We should be in jail. We're not following the law. We're not doing that 10 percent. We should conform to the education code."

"There's not enough students participating in the government," Devine said.

Frank Wada, a student trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees, said there should be a "rewording of the bylaws to be in compliance with the education code."

"It's all about interpretation,"

"I found the elections to be invalid. We should be in jail. We're not following the law. We're not doing that 10 percent. We should conform to the education code."

Bobbie Devine
A.S. board member

Wada said. "Clarify it for the students."

"I really hope you make a decision we follow the law," Devine said.

"Student fees aren't going to be illegally raised because of a miscommunication between the education code and the student bylaws," Wada said.

The A.S. Judiciary will deliberate in closed quarters to discuss the hearing and try to make a decision on how votes should be counted.

On March 5 there will be an open hearing in the A.S. Council Chambers to consider the issue of whether to implement new fee increases only at the beginning of the next academic year or the next semester.

Round Table

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"We expect that members will go back to their departments and stimulate other conversations or forums and have a discussion about the issues that are of major importance to their colleagues," Bolton said last December.

Stahl said that the public perception of higher education demands accommodation and efficiency as a way of doing business.

"The fact that there is an attempt being made (to work together) is a positive indicator."

"Consensus is a challenge," Charell said.

Stahl said that the Pew Round Table developed this concept as a way to get faculty members involved in not just restructuring, but reinventing the university.

"Technology is poised to significantly change the classroom environment," Stahl said. Without faculty involvement,

change at an educational institution cannot be accomplished, Stahl said.

"It won't be successful," she said.

"Faculty are crucial because they shape the university," Stahl said. "They are a shared governance model."

Stahl said SJSU must be responsive to the demands and needs of its region which is high technology centered.

Hate crimes rise 23 percent in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Attacks on gays and lesbians jumped in 1995, leading to a 23 percent increase in hate crimes reported in San Francisco.

The increase comes at the same time other Northern California communities, including Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond, report drops of up to 40 percent.

San Francisco's police Hate Crimes Unit officials say they are uncertain whether the higher figures represent a real increase, or greater public awareness about hate crimes.

"It may simply be that more

people are aware of how to file a complaint," said Sgt. Herman Jones. "It's my impression that more people know now that these kinds of incidents are crimes and that the police will take action when informed about them."

The city classifies hate crimes into eight categories — ethnic origin, physical disabilities, sexual orientation, gender, political activity, race, anti-Semitism, and other religious beliefs.

Violations range from verbal abuse to physical assaults.

The number of such crimes rose to 350 last year, up from 285

in 1994. Every category except anti-Semitic and ethnic attacks rose, but the largest jump came in the gay-related classification.

Members of hate crime watchdog groups say that while there may be normal annual violations of 10 percent or so, a jump of 23 percent is a matter of concern.

"The fact remains that the numbers themselves are so high that they are simply intolerable," said Lester Olmstead-Rose of Community United Against Violence, which monitors crimes against gays and lesbians in San Francisco.

Storms gather off California coast

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Two more big storms gathered Tuesday over the Pacific Ocean after a holiday assault deluged coastal mountains and dropped up to 3 feet of snow in the mountains.

The National Weather Service continued its winter storm warning for the Sierra Nevada, south of Yosemite, through Tuesday and today. The warning also stayed in effect Tuesday for the Sierra north of Yosemite.

The weather service suggested planning for more rain today, with heavy snow in the Sierra. The fast-moving jet stream was expected to mix warm and wet storms from the subtropics around Hawaii with cold air dropping down from the Gulf of Alaska.

Throughout Tuesday, the jet stream sent bands of snow and rain across Northern California, lashed by winds gusting to more than 70 mph over the mountaintops of the Sierra. Snow advisories continued in northeastern California Tuesday.

A day of high winds, up to 100 mph over Sierra ridges, and heavy rain and snow created havoc throughout the north on the Monday's Presidents' Day holiday.

Some of California's major roads were closed for varying periods. Interstate 80 was closed by heavy snow, ice and dozens of accidents, making the homeward trip for thousands of skiers a long one.

Slick roads were blamed for a 10-car pileup at I-80 and U.S. 395 in Reno and a five-car collision at

Spoooner Summit on U.S. 50 on Monday afternoon. There were no major injuries.

On Tuesday, chains were still required on I-80, U.S. 50 and other major mountain roads.

Avalanche warnings also were posted for the Sierra from Yuba Pass to Sonora Pass. An avalanche early Monday closed the Mount Rose Highway southwest of Reno, covering the road with 10 feet of snow but catching no vehicles.

Highway 17 between San Jose and Santa Cruz was closed several times Monday as state road crews removed debris and slides. Highway 1 was closed at Big Sur by a slide and Highway 12 in Solano County was closed by flooding.

Two homes were evacuated in the Santa Cruz Mountains after the foundation under one started crumbling.

"If the rains continue like they're predicting through Thursday, it may pose a greater danger (to the homes)," said Felton fireman Dave Underwood.

Almost 6 inches of rain fell in some parts of the Coastal Range over the holiday weekend.

Heavy rains prompted the weather service to issue various flash flood and urban and small stream flood warnings during the day Monday. As the main holiday storm moved eastward, those warnings were dropped.

But officials cautioned that new rains would again swell rivers and streams.

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Khadim Dioum gives a free sample of a fragrance to Linda Pham, business major, who ventured inside to escape Monday's rain. In celebration of Black History Month, vendors have been invited to set up

on campus throughout this week. Due to uncooperative weather, the booths have been moved inside the Student Union. Forecasts call for showers to continue through Thursday.

Governor denies clemency for 'freeway killer' William Bonin

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson refused to grant clemency to William Bonin on Tuesday, eliminating what could be the last chance for the so-called "freeway killer" to avoid execution early Friday.

Federal judges in Los Angeles and San Francisco also rejected requests by Bonin's lawyers to block his execution.

Bonin has been on death row for 14 years following his conviction for killing 14 boys and young men he picked up from August 1979 through June 1980. His victims, ranging from age 12 to 19, were sodomized, strangled or knifed and dumped nude along Southern California highways.

Wilson rejected claims by Bonin's attorneys that he did not receive a fair trial and criticized the long appeals process.

"These arguments cannot serve as a basis for clemency. Bonin's guilt is beyond dispute," Wilson said, referring to what he described as "compelling and utterly chilling evidence" of the brutality of Bonin's crimes.

"For certain crimes, justice demands the ultimate punishment. Bonin's premeditated shockingly brutal murders of these 14 boys are such crimes," the Republican governor added in a Capitol news conference. "William Bonin will never kill again. Clemency is denied."

Bonin's appeal to Wilson did not seek to overturn his convictions, but rather asked for commutation of his death sentence to life in prison.

Daniel Kolkey, Wilson's legal secretary and chief counsel, cited more than 20 appeals dating back to 1982 that Bonin has lost.

"Based on the past, I would suspect his attorneys would try to do whatever they feel they can do in good faith to try to stay the execution," Kolkey said. "But we do think he's at the end of the line."

After losing final appeals Tuesday in U.S. District Court, defense lawyers turn Wednesday to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld Bonin's death sentence last year.

U.S. District Judge Edward Rafeedie of Los Angeles rejected a defense request to block the execution. Bonin's attorneys claimed a prosecution witness was hypnotized before the trial, a jailhouse informant committed perjury, and state prisons and hospitals failed to treat Bonin's mental illness during previous confinements.

U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel of San Francisco, who barred use of the state's gas chamber in 1994, dismissed defense arguments that state law still entitled Bonin to choose between gas and

lethal injection. She also refused to stay his execution until the state's appeal of her ruling is resolved.

"What is the authority for the state to offer somebody a choice of execution when one method has been declared unconstitutional?" Patel asked during a brief hearing.

Bonin's execution is scheduled to be the state's first by lethal injection since Patel ruled that executions by gas, which California has used since 1938, constitute "cruel and unusual punishment."

It would be the first execution in California since August, 1993 and only the third in the last three decades.

Tip Kindel, deputy director of the Department of Corrections, said the execution is scheduled to take place in the gas chamber, which has been equipped with a gurney and other equipment needed for chemical injections.

Bonin's defense attorneys didn't respond to telephone requests Tuesday for response to Wilson's decision.

They had argued earlier that Bonin didn't deserve to die because, among other things, he wasn't the leader among a circle of accomplices who participated in the killings.

Bonin's attorneys maintain that another man was the true mastermind, but that when he killed himself before trial, prosecutors turned on Bonin.

"They needed to have someone made the devil and that person was determined to be Bonin," said James Ramos of the state Public Defender's Office, which is representing Bonin.

"Bonin wasn't guilty of the great majority of the most egregious aspects of this case and, further, was not a principal," Ramos said before Wilson's announcement.

Defense attorneys also said informants lied and Bonin had the kind of personality that led him to make false confessions to boost his ego.

Lawyers for the State Public Defender's Office also contend that one prosecution witness was hypnotized to prepare his testimony and that a jailhouse informant committed perjury.

Bonin, a 49-year-old truck driver and Vietnam veteran, confessed to 21 murders. He was convicted of 14: 10 in a 1981 Los Angeles County trial and four more in a 1993 trial in neighboring Orange County.

Former accomplices testified against Bonin in return for reduced sentences.

Bonin also talked about the killings to a television reporter.

FDA says frozen veggies as healthy as fresh

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frozen fruits and vegetables might soon be advertising that they're just as healthful as fresh.

The Food and Drug Administration says the frozen produce industry tested its products against raw fruits and vegetables and found the two kinds had roughly the same amounts of nutrients.

So the FDA proposed last week to let frozen produce — just plain fruits or vegetables, not ones covered

with sauces or other ingredients — use the term "healthy" on the label.

If the proposal becomes law, it would make frozen produce equivalent to fresh fruits and vegetables in how it can label nutritional benefits. Until now, only raw produce was exempt from a requirement that every food be individually tested and shown to provide at least 10 percent of the daily requirement of certain nutrients before being labeled "healthy."

The proposal doesn't exempt canned fruits and vegetables from that requirement. Although the canned produce industry petitioned the FDA for the exemption too, the FDA said that industry failed to submit data backing its request. When it does, the FDA will decide whether canned vegetables too are as healthful as their fresh or frozen counterparts.

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Serbs challenge peace accord, order exodus

Leaders demand residents leave Muslim areas

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serb leaders, playing to the fears of Sarajevo's Serbs, ordered them Tuesday to leave all neighborhoods that are to be handed over to the Muslim-led government.

Dozens of trucks and cars towing trailers drove out of Serb areas, but no buses were spotted in the hours after the organized exodus was to begin. Heavy snow fell, perhaps hampering the Serb plans.

In the northern district of Vogosca, Serbs removed piles of documents from the town hall and set them ablaze outside. Workers stripped the building of anything of value, down to doors and old chairs.

The Serb order was a blatant challenge to the spirit of Bosnia's peace accord. A

wholesale evacuation would be one of the final chapters in a war waged solely to create ethnically homogenous areas through huge shifts of civilians.

Bosnian Serbs vehemently oppose the provision in the peace accord that reunites the country's symbolic heart, Sarajevo, under the rule of their former foes by March 19. NATO plans to begin a gradual transfer on Friday.

Kris Janowski, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, accused Bosnian Serb leaders of trying to trigger a mass flight from Sarajevo for their own ends.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' political leader and a prewar inhabitant of the city, has always asserted that Serbs could not coexist with other ethnic groups in the capital.

"A number of people have left, but it's not the mass exodus the Serb authorities appear to want," Janowski said. Bosnian Serb TV broadcasts urging people to leave are just "part of a campaign of manipulation to get people out, to create a psy-

chosis," he said.

An estimated 50,000 people remain in the five Serb districts of Sarajevo, and 40,000 have fled since the peace plan was initiated three months ago, Western diplomats said. Janowski estimated that 20,000 Serbs had left.

In another bitterly divided city, Mostar, barriers fell Tuesday but for only one hour. At noon Tuesday, Croats and Muslims were to try to smother animosities lingering from their yearlong war in 1993, and allow free movement in the city and establish joint police patrols.

About 300 Muslims did cross over to Croat-held areas in the first hour. The free movement fell apart after four young Muslims crossed in a car, angering Croats who only want people to cross on foot.

The Muslim youths, apparently unnerved by the shouts of Croats, crashed the car. Two fled back to the city's Muslim sector, and two others were taken away by Croatian police.

Muslims then hoisted a Muslim emblem on their side, drawing Croat ire. The

checkpoint remained open, but no one crossed.

The joint police patrols never materialized. Both sides raised objections to the agreement on how to conduct them.

If residents of Mostar cannot overcome their enmities, then the Muslim and Croat federation that is to rule half of Bosnia is given little chance of survival.

The order to evacuate Serb-held districts of Sarajevo, announced by Bosnian Serb media, confused many of the city's Serbs. They knew only that the districts must be transferred by March 19, and their leaders had not informed them that NATO plans a gradual transfer beginning Friday in the northern suburb of Vogosca.

In Vogosca this morning, the few residents on the streets were confused about dates. Some old people said they had been ordered to assemble in the main square to board buses.

Gojko Kljickovic, a Bosnian Serb official overseeing the evacuation, admitted to problems providing money, fuel, transport and accommodation for the refugees.

Kljickovic said Monday that some of the Serbs who leave will be resettled in Srebrenica. Serb soldiers overran the eastern town in July, and are suspected of massacring thousands of Muslims in the aftermath.

A Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were signs that some Serb police would not leave Vogosca or other Serb areas of Sarajevo until the March 19 deadline. The diplomat said Muslim and Croat police will be there on Friday.

Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, the British commander of NATO ground troops in Bosnia, met Tuesday in the Serb stronghold of Pale with a Bosnian Serb general who snubbed NATO talks on Monday, Gen. Zdravko Tolimir.

The refusal to attend the meeting underscored that the Serbs will not meekly accept a peace accord they did not negotiate and sent a message to President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, who negotiated for them.

London police seize bomb equipment

LONDON (AP) — Police investigating two lethal IRA bombings seized explosives and bomb-making equipment in a series of raids in London overnight. No one was arrested.

Irish police also raided the north Dublin home of an Irish man who was injured in Sunday night's explosion aboard a double-decker bus in London. The BBC and Press Association said the man had been eliminated as a suspect and was no longer under guard at a hospital.

Scotland Yard, which never confirmed the injured man was a suspect, declined to comment on the reports.

The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the blast in London's tourist district, which killed one person and injured nine. Police have been investigating the possibility that the man killed might have been transporting the bomb.

It was the second IRA bombing and the third death in London since the outlawed group

ended its 17-month cease-fire on Feb. 9 to protest the slow pace of talks on Northern Ireland's future. A third bomb was deactivated in a London phone booth.

Commander John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist unit, gave no details about the amounts of explosives seized overnight or the number of locations searched in the London raids.

Security sources in Dublin said the man killed Sunday night was originally from the Wexford area in southern Ireland, and had not previously been suspected of IRA involvement.

Sunday's explosion came without any advance warning to police to evacuate the targeted area.

"The bus was not the intended target, we believe," said Grieve. He would not say what police believe the target was.

Grieve said police have not ruled out the possibility that the dead man pulled from the wreckage was a bomber.

"That's not a possibility we have discounted yet," he said, but refused to elaborate. Grieve said a weapon was found in the wrecked bus, but gave no details.

Two people were arrested under anti-terrorist laws in south London on Monday, but police would not say whether the arrests were linked to the explosion.

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton and British Prime Minister John Major prohibited meetings between Cabinet ministers and leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party after the Feb. 9 bombing.

The ban does not apply to public servants trying to explore ways of restoring the cease-fire, and Press Association reported Irish government officials were believed to have met with Sinn Fein on Monday.

"Ultimately, if we are going to bring an end to the sort of carnage we have seen, we have got to get all the parties round the table," Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said.

Japan, South Korea both claim rocky island chain

TOKYO (AP) — Japan and South Korea both staked claim to waters in the Sea of Japan Tuesday, moves likely to worsen a territorial dispute over a barren group of islands that lie midway between them.

In an apparent effort to soften the blow, both countries deliberately avoided mentioning the islets by name. The South Koreans call them Tok-do, and the Japanese Takeshima.

Aside from a small South Korean military force, the rocky islets about 150 miles offshore of each country are inhabited by a sole South Korean fisherman. The surrounding waters are rich in marine life and the seabed is thought to contain vast mineral deposits.

The dispute over who controls the islets has smoldered for nearly a century, but reignited recently when Japan and South Korea both announced plans to establish economic zones under a U.N. treaty that took effect in 1994.

To bolster its claim to the islands, South Korea announced plans to build a wharf and held a high-profile military exercise there.

The Convention on the Law in the Sea entitles countries to claim exclusive rights to natural and fishery resources in an economic zone up to 200 nautical miles wide, or about 230 statute miles.

Unlike territorial claims, the economic claim alone does not give a country the right to use force to keep others out of the area.

Neither country said how wide their economic zones would be, leaving that to negotiations. At their closest point, Japan and South Korea are only about 30 miles apart.

In describing Tokyo's claim to the economic zone Tuesday, chief government spokesman Seiroku Kajiyama said Japan hopes to open talks with South Korea as soon as possible, even

before Parliament moves to ratify the U.N. convention.

"The key is how we can detach the territorial issues (from the economic zone) and conduct calm negotiations," Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said later.

Hours after the Japanese announcement, South Korean Foreign Minister Gong Ro-myung announced that Seoul planned to adopt the treaty and create its own economic zone "as soon as possible."

The economic zone announced by Japan also includes a separate islet group to which Japan's claim is disputed by China and Taiwan. Japanese officials said they hoped for talks with China on those islands. Beijing is expected to ratify the sea-zone convention later this year.

Noting that Japan did not mention the islets by name, South Korean media suggested that the two neighbors would rather set aside the contentious issue of the islets for a more practical one.

The two countries have a longstanding accord that allows fishermen of each country to operate in waters close to the other's territories. According to South Korean officials, Japan wants to amend it in its favor.

Japan responded to South Korea's proposal to build a wharf on the disputed islets by demanding that South Korea cancel the project, and repeating its claims to the islets.

Japan's claims riled the Koreans, who still harbor bitter memories from Tokyo's brutal 1910-1945 colonial rule, when many Koreans were stripped of their farmland, forced to speak Japanese and conscripted for slave labor.

Japan maintains that it established military control over the islets in 1904 in its war with Russia. Six years later, Japan forced Korea to sign an annexation treaty, beginning 35 years of Japanese rule.

Iraqi defectors return to homeland

The defections had been a major blow to Hussein

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Top-level Iraqi defectors left Jordan for their homeland today, six months after they fled Baghdad vowing to topple Saddam Hussein.

The Jordanian government announced the departure of Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his brother, Col. Saddam Kamel. They left Amman in a convoy with their wives, both daughters of the Iraqi leader.

Al-Majid, then the head of Iraq's weapons program, defected to Jordan on Aug. 8 with his brother, deputy head of the Iraqi president's palace security. The defection was considered at the time to be a major blow to Saddam.

Using al-Majid's information about Iraqi weapons programs, U.N. inspectors were able to force Baghdad to surrender records on clandestine chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Arab states critical of Saddam and most Iraqi opposition groups

in exile have viewed al-Majid with suspicion because of his former close ties with the Iraqi leader and his involvement in the brutal suppression of Iraqi dissidents. They also question his commitment to democratic rule in a post-Saddam Iraq.

Al-Majid told The Associated Press on Monday that he planned to return home within days, apparently because he had been rejected as a potential leader by Iraqis seeking to topple the Baghdad regime.

Al-Majid faces an uncertain future when he returns to Iraq. He said he had been in touch with the Iraqi leadership, through unidentified middlemen, and had received a favorable response to a letter he wrote to Saddam asking to be allowed to return.

He declined to say whether Saddam had forgiven him for his defection, and gave no indication of what his status would be in Iraq once he returned.

Before leaving, al-Majid "sent a letter of gratitude to His Majesty, King Hussein, for the generous

hospitality which the king provided to him and his family during his stay in Jordan," Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti of Jordan told the official Petra news agency.

Kabariti said al-Majid's return to Iraq "is a decision he has taken by himself and by his own will, after he conducted private contacts with Baghdad."

Jordanian border authorities said al-Majid's motorcade passed through the Trebil border post into Iraq at noon.

Petra said al-Majid was accompanied to Jordan's eastern border by the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan, Nouri Elwages.

Al-Majid's wife, Raghada, Saddam's eldest daughter and once his favorite, and their children returned with him to Baghdad. His brother is married to Saddam's second daughter, Rana.

King Hussein, who granted al-Majid asylum with great fanfare and threw his lot behind him to cap Jordan's efforts to distance itself from the Iraqi regime, had been keeping al-Majid at arm's

length lately.

Al-Majid fell out with the king in November over Hussein's suggestion of a federation of Kurds, Sunni Muslims and Shiite Muslims in a post-Saddam Iraq. Al-Majid insisted that would accelerate Iraq's dismemberment.

Al-Majid's return is a feather in Saddam's cap at a time when he is negotiating with the U.N. Security Council to sell limited amounts of oil to buy food and medicine to alleviate the suffering of Iraq's 20 million people, hard hit by U.N. sanctions.

The Security Council has refused to lift sanctions imposed when Saddam invaded Kuwait in August 1990 until it is satisfied that Iraq has dismantled its program to build weapons of mass destruction.

Since winning a presidential referendum last fall in which he was the sole candidate, Saddam promised to introduce reforms and loosen his Baath Party's absolute grip on power.

He subsequently scheduled the country's first parliamentary elections in seven years for March.

Waiter! There's a scorpion in my soup

SINGAPORE (AP) — After a hard day's work at the stock exchange or shopping 'til you drop, how about a plate of chewy, deep-fried scorpions — with stingers attached?

Or maybe snow frog glands topped by stewed fruit bat? If that sounds bland, care for a large helping of caviar-like black ants? You can wash it down with deer-penis wine.

At the Imperial Herbal Restaurant, diners are paying up to 400 Singaporean dollars (\$285) for plates of such insects and animal parts.

Not only is it nutritious, it's good for combating illness, proprietor Wang-Lee Tee Eng contends.

Her restaurant is no back-alley greasy spoon, but an elegantly furnished hotel dining room with starched pink table cloths.

Located across the street from the Raffles Hotel in Singapore's central hotel district, it attracts Hong Kong celebrities, Singaporean leaders and tourists from Europe, the United States, Japan, Korea and Taiwan.

The maitre d' greets diners in front of a glass cabinet displaying deer horn, dried geckos, dried deer penis, dried sea horses and wild ginseng.

Most of the creatures and their parts are offered as novelties. The restaurant's main business is Chinese health food made with herbs, vegetables, seafood and meat.

Mrs. Wang-Lee says she runs the only genuine herbal restaurant in

Southeast Asia. Here, the king of the kitchen is not the chef but a Chinese apothecary skilled in the use of herbs.

"This kind of concept, you cannot explain in a few words. You have to experience it," she said in an interview over a lunch of more standard Chinese fare of tofu, chicken and eggplant.

"I didn't want a run-of-the-mill restaurant. I wanted to start something unique," she said.

According to the pink-hued menu, lingzhi soup prevents cancer, heart disease, insomnia and asthma among other ailments. A soup made of stewed beef and an herb called polygonatum multiflorum is said to prevent premature graying and to extend life.

Scorpions, ants and grasshoppers, high in protein, are classified by the Chinese as medicines, said Mrs. Wang-Lee, who has a business degree from the University of York in Toronto.

A visually startling dish is the "Ants climbing up the Tree," which takes hours to prepare. The "tree" is potato and lettuce, and the black ants are fried.

They have a vinegary taste. Mrs. Wang-Lee says they cure rheumatism.

A soup made from a dried, foot-long deer's penis can cost the equivalent of \$320.

Another dish, rarely ordered, is made of bull's penis and runs \$42 a person.

"I won't say it has a fantastic taste, but it is a novelty," Mrs. Wang-Lee said.

And then there are the scorpions.

Marinated in wine, deep-fried and with their bodies intact, they sit on the plate with their tails curled as if to strike.

The dish — "Deep-Fried Drunken Scorpion With Asparagus" — costs \$3 for each 2-inch-long scorpion.

Customers are told the scorpion's poison soothes nerves and cures migraine. It's an acquired taste, because the scorpions tend to be chewy, Mrs. Wang-Lee said.

"Our one criteria is pleasantness of taste," she said.

None of the more than 127 dishes on the menu has a medicinal taste or offensive flavor. Customers say the food is tastier than traditional Chinese food.

When not concocting recipes, the in-house herbalist, Li Lianxing, offers diners free medical check-ups and Chinese herbal medicines for a fee.

He grinds coarse powders from a smorgasbord of dried locusts, geckos, roots, and stems.

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Sports Focus

Results

For Feb. 20

Baseball

◆ SJSU at Cal State Hayward Tuesday game at Muni Stadium was cancelled due to rain.

SJSU freshmen Jeanette Thorner and Elin Carlsson both have shattered school records and will lead the way for the Spartans in the Big West Conference Championships at Long Beach.



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Schedule

For Feb. 20-25

Baseball

◆ SJSU at CS Sacramento, Friday, 2 p.m., Muni Stadium.

Men's Basketball

◆ SJSU at UC Santa Barbara, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
◆ SJSU at Long Beach University, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

◆ SJSU at CS Fullerton, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
◆ SJSU vs. UC Irvine at the Event Center, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Women's Swimming

◆ SJSU in Big West Championship, Friday-Sunday at Long Beach, Calif.

Women's Tennis

◆ SJSU at Saint Mary's, Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis

◆ Spartans at UNLV, Friday, Las Vegas.
◆ Spartans at New Mexico State, Saturday, Las Vegas.

Men's Gymnastics

◆ SJSU at Stanford, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Stanford gym.

Women's Gymnastics

◆ SJSU at UC Santa Barbara, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball team looking to expand winning streak

By Russell Hall
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

After three straight victories, the Spartan basketball team (7-15, 6-8) is learning something about itself: play as one unit and you will be unbeatable.

After seven straight mid-season losses, all is beginning to fall into place. The team is starting to make a

habit of upsetting teams that had beaten them in the first round.

Utah State, University of Nevada Reno and University of Pacific have all marched into the Event Center to find a much tougher team than they had seen the first time.

The Gauchos of UC Santa Barbara (11-12, 8-7) must keep this in mind as they

host SJSU Thursday night, 7:30 at the Event Center.

"We feel pretty good. We needed to win the last three games and we came out strong," SJSU forward Rich Taylor said. "We feel we can go 4-0 in the next four games."

The Spartans, in seventh place in the Big West Conference, with a win could sneak into the sixth

place slot. The top six teams in the conference go to the BWC playoffs.

As coach Stan Morrison stressed right after the game Saturday night, the UCSB game is a very big game. To take it a little farther, the last four games of the season are all going to be big games. Winning at least three of the last four could mean a Spartan trip to Reno,

Nevada for the Big West Championships.

This Spartan team that has played better as a unit the past three games, will have to prove it can win on the road for the four-game winning streak (first since 1994) to become a reality.

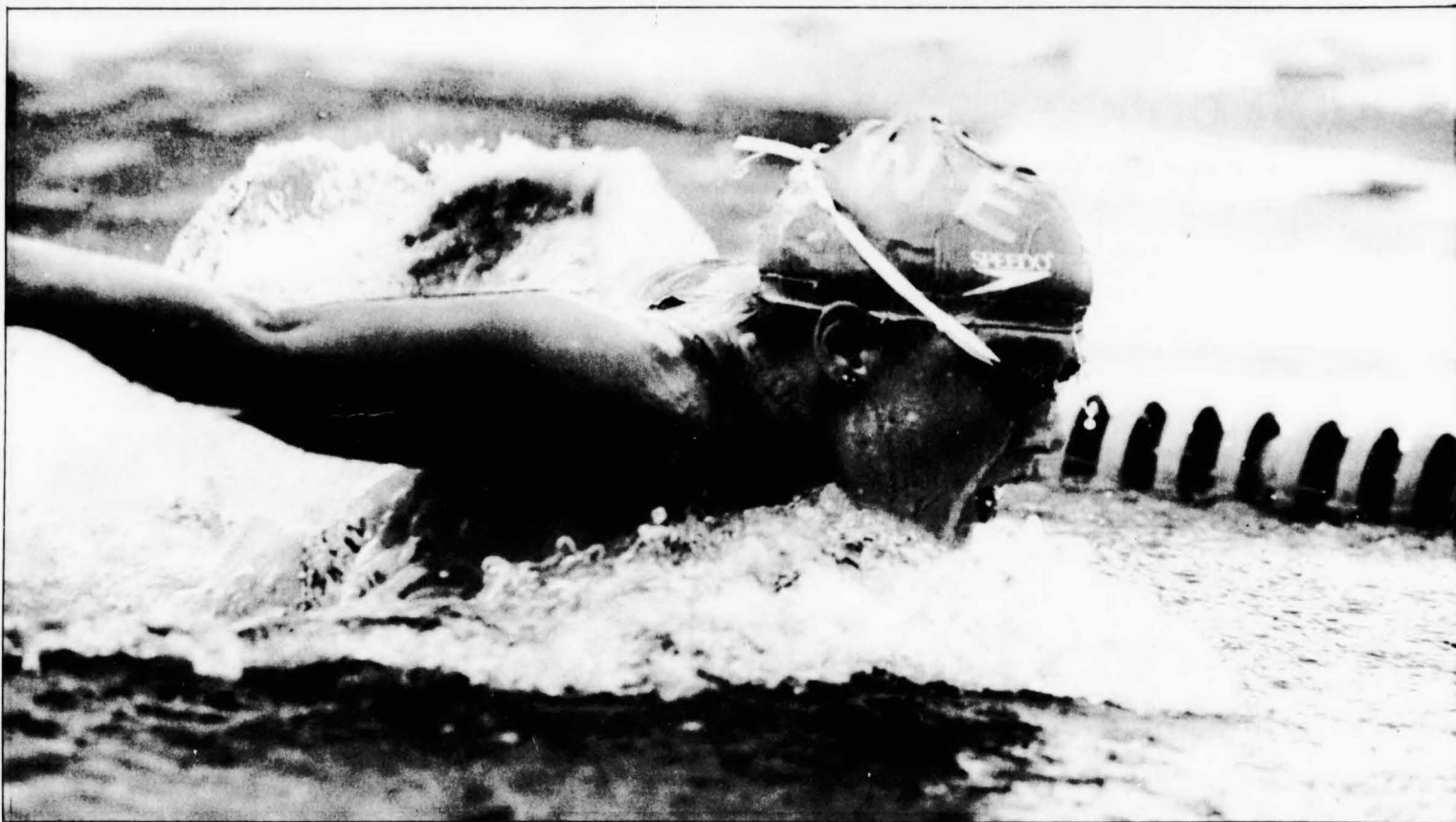
The Spartans and Gauchos are two teams heading in opposite directions. The Spartans have

won their last three games, all against teams with superior records, while the Gauchos have dropped four of their last six, including two at both Nevada and Utah State.

Back in January UCSB defeated the Spartans 80-77 to tie the series at 48 victories apiece. Poor shooting,

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Swimmers go for it all at Big West Conference Championships



Thurner, Carlsson lead way

By Paul Eiser
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

After three weeks of practicing, the women's swimming team is swimming confidently toward the Big West Championships Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Long Beach.

"I'm very excited," swimmer Anna Kocal said.

Kocal will also be singing the National Anthem this year at the championship.

The team will be going up against the best and the worst of the BWC championship meet.

According to head coach RoseAnn Benson, Nevada and Santa Barbara are the top contenders this year.

Benson is very confident about this year's team.

"I think this is the best season the team has had for many years. We've been able to beat teams we haven't beaten before," she said. "I think they're really well prepared. We've been trying to sharpen them. Sharpen all of our skills so we're

ready to go."

According to Benson the last few weeks of training haven't been easy.

"Trying to hit perfect is hard for each individual. It's a really hard time of the season to hit each individual perfectly," Benson said.

"It's been tiring, real hard, but there's been real good team support," Kocal said. "It's real nerve wracking. We're learning relaxation techniques to concentrate and focus," Kocal said.

The Spartans are optimistic of the championship this year and freshman Jeanette Thorner, who broke SJSU's Angie-Wester-Krieg's record of 4:36.37 in the 400 meter individual medley, will be looking to lead the way.

SJSU swimmer Elin Carlsson is another swimmer to look four for at the meet. She leads the team in the 200, 500, 1000 and 1650 meter freestyle races.

"Every year we score more points," Benson said.

Benson said last year the team

broke three individual records and two relay records.

"We have a couple of people that will score in the top eight," Benson said.

The team has several goals for this years championship.

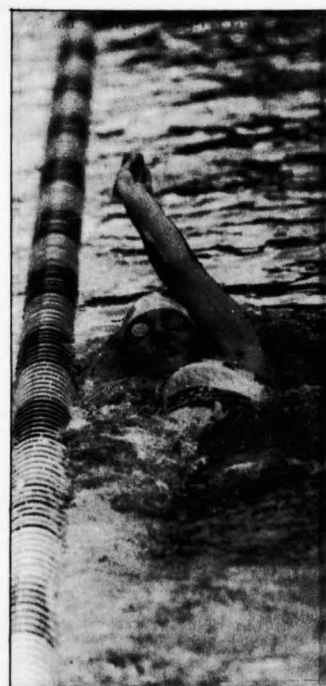
Benson hopes to see everyone do a season or personal best and get the team out of the bottom of the BWC and move up in the standings. Additionally, the team's final goal is to "break some records," Benson said.

Kocal feels the team can come up from the bottom to move up at least four or five places. "I feel real good, real excited. I think we're going to show an improvement," Kocal said.

"Our goal is to place as many people as we can in the finals," team captain Stacie Lonaker said.

The team is currently ranked seventh out of nine according to a coach's poll.

"It's what we've been training for all season," Lonaker said.

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SJSU freshman Jeanette Thorner practices her backstroke (left) while teammate Ellen Carlsson (top) practices her butterfly stroke during an early morning practice Saturday. These two Swedish newcomers to the team have both already broken school records.

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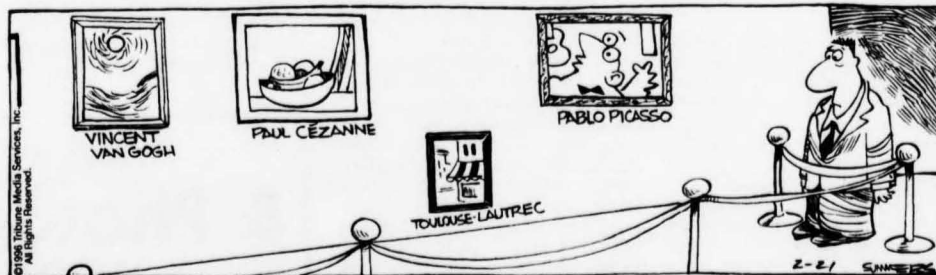
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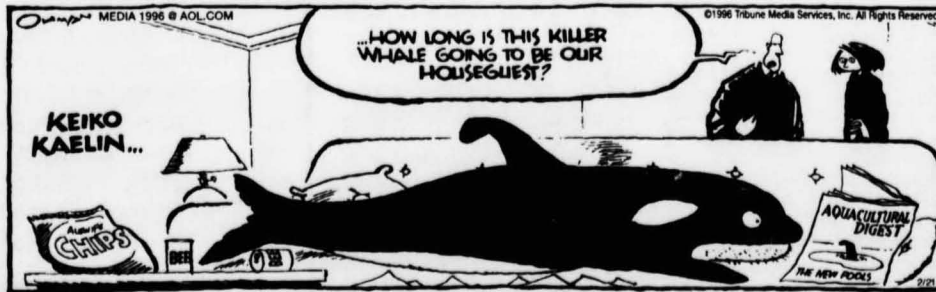
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Buchanan takes GOP race in New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Conservative rebel Pat Buchanan won a narrow victory Tuesday in New Hampshire's leadoff presidential primary, nudging Bob Dole from his perch as Republican front-runner and throwing the GOP race into three-way turmoil.

Late-charging Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee governor, ran a close third and suggested that proved him a stronger mainstream alternative to Buchanan than "a weakened Senator Dole."

The candidates on Wednesday were launching immediately into a five-week, 30-state burst of primary contests.

Dole was headed Wednesday to the Dakotas; Alexander looked South, to Georgia and South Carolina, hoping his Tennessee roots would translate into regional strength.

For Buchanan, the commentator-turned-candidate, it was another dramatic New Hampshire night. Four years ago, he scored 37 percent against an incumbent GOP president here, asserting himself — and his often unorthodox views — in national Republican politics.

With 91 percent of precincts counted, Buchanan had 51,469 votes, or 27 percent, to 49,648 or 26 percent for Dole. Alexander had 43,600, 23 percent. Publishing their Steve Forbes was a distant fourth at 12 percent, and said by associates to be reassessing his campaign but certain to press on for another week because of his strength in Arizona and Delaware.

In exit polls, voters cited pocketbook issues — jobs, taxes and budget deficits — as they judged the eight-man Republican field.

Asked which issue mattered most in deciding how they voted, one in four cited the economy and jobs and one in five cited taxes. Roughly 15 percent said the federal budget deficit. In clear reflection of the

race's volatility, 60 percent said they settled on their choice in the final week.

President Clinton swept to overwhelming victory in the Democratic primary, logging more than 90 percent of the vote against token opposition. The fractures in the Republican field gave Clinton and his party even more to celebrate. "The answer is not to divide the American people," Clinton said in a victory statement that offered his view of the Republican race.

New Hampshire's results were likely to winnow the GOP field, though none of the struggling candidates would immediately admit as much. Forbes, particularly, had to be disappointed. He had been tied for the New Hampshire lead a month ago but his effort to promote a flat income tax wilted as moderate voters chose between Dole and Alexander.

Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar was fifth at 5 percent, Alan Keyes had 3 percent. Illinois businessmen Morry Taylor and California Rep. Robert Dornan had even less to show for their New Hampshire efforts.

"We have made history again tonight," Buchanan said in celebration. Buchanan delivered a scathing populist critique of the GOP establishment and big corporations and cast his showing as "a victory for the good men and women of Middle America."

Perhaps the biggest difference between Buchanan and his two rivals is trade policy. They supported the NAFTA and GATT free-trade agreements as critical to boosting American exports in a global economy;

"We have made history again tonight."

Pat Buchanan
Republican candidate for president

avowed homosexuals in a Buchanan administration.

Clinging to hopes for a late-night comeback, Dole did not concede. But he appeared resigned to placing second in New Hampshire, again. "Now I know why they call this the Granite State," said Dole. "Because it's so hard to crack."

This time, Dole vowed a disappointing New Hampshire night would not derail his candidacy, as was the case in 1988. Ignoring Alexander's showing, Dole said it was time for mainstream Republicans to rally to his side in the dizzying rush of contests beginning Saturday in Delaware.

"Right now it is a two-man race. It is going to be a one-man race before long," Dole said. "Over the next month we will decide if we are the party of fear or hope." That was a thinly veiled poke at Buchanan's protectionist trade views and tough stand on immigration.

Alexander congratulated Buchanan but criticized his ideas, especially about canceling global trade deals and putting tariffs on foreign goods. Taking direct aim at Dole, Alexander said the 72-year-old senator had proven himself a weak candidate for Republicans to send into battle against President Clinton. "He does not have enough ideas," Alexander said of Dole.

Still, Alexander conceded third-place would soon not be good enough: "I have to start winning soon."

"I have to start winning soon."

Lamar Alexander
Republican candidate for president

In the days ahead, it will be critical that he convince GOP contributors that he can beat Buchanan. In bidding for the mainstream spot in a race to stop Buchanan, Alexander is way behind Dole in terms of financial resources and organization in the states soon up on the primary calendar.

All week long the GOP establishment worried about the prospect of a Buchanan victory. His protectionist trade views are ridiculed by economic conservatives, and his outspoken views on cultural issues make him a tough sell among independent minded voters critical to winning national elections. House Speaker Newt Gingrich has warned allies a Buchanan-led ticket would be disastrous to Republican candidates down the ballot.

While the candidates jockeyed to define the muddled New Hampshire results in their favor, other Republicans gasped at the race's uncertainty — and volatility.

"It's a long way from here to San Diego," said Michigan Gov. John Engler, underscoring that New Hampshire had left a muddled race for top billing at the GOP's August California convention.

There were just 16 GOP convention delegates at stake, with 996 delegates needed to win the Republican nomination. Buchanan won six, Dole and Alexander four each, and Forbes two.

But the influence of New Hampshire's 44-year-old presidential primary goes beyond delegates. In 12 presidential election years, 11 candidates won here en route to the White House. Clinton is the sole exception, finishing second in

1992. A three-way battle leaving New Hampshire was good news for Buchanan, who would expect Dole and Alexander to split the mainstream Republican vote.

U.S. Supreme Court to hear Congress "must carry" case

Justices also make immigration, 'right to die' rulings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Tuesday agreed to decide whether Congress can require cable television systems to carry local broadcast signals — a provision intended to protect small stations from extinction.

The court said it will hear cable companies' argument that the 1992 "must carry" law violates their constitutionally protected free-speech rights.

The Clinton administration says the law is needed to save many broadcasters from being driven out of business.

The court refused to second-guess federal limits on cable television rates, which have saved customers several billion dollars since 1993.

The court, without comment, turned away Time Warner Entertainment Co.'s argument that a 17 percent rate cut imposed by government regulators threatens cable TV companies' free-speech rights.

In other cases, the court:

—Turned away a "right to die" dispute over a permanently incapacitated Michigan man whose wife says he would want to end all life-sustaining medical treatment.

—Let a Long Island, N.Y., community award garbage-hauling contracts only to those companies that agree to dispose of the trash at a government-designated facility.

—Agreed to use a California case to clarify when the government can deport some immigrants who entered the country through fraud. The justices said they will hear the Clinton administration's appeal of a ruling it said made it harder for the government to deport such people.

—Let Colorado keep a monument engraved

with the Ten Commandments in a public park near the state Capitol.

In the cable TV case, Turner Broadcasting System and other cable companies said the must-carry law improperly gives broadcasters "a unique, favored position" among those competing for cable channels.

The must-carry provision requires cable operators to set aside part of their channel capacity for commercial and public broadcast TV stations.

The telecommunications bill signed by President Clinton earlier this month extends that provision to telephone companies that provide cable television services.

More than 60 percent of American households subscribe to cable television. New cable networks are being created so rapidly that there is heavy competition for space on cable systems.

Congress enacted the must-carry requirement because smaller, independent broadcasters not affiliated with a network feared cable companies would drop them without such a rule. They then could lose advertising and face going out of business.

A three-judge federal court upheld the law in 1993, but the Supreme Court last year ordered further study. The high court said cable TV operators have greater free-speech rights than broadcasters, but not as much protection as the print media.

The court said the law could be upheld only if it did not "burden substantially more speech than is necessary to further the government's legitimate interests" of preserving broadcasters' access to cable systems.

The lower court upheld the must-carry provision again last December by a 2-1 vote.

All but about 50 of the nation's 11,000 cable TV companies are monopolies. Congress in 1992 ordered the Federal Communications Commission to enact regulations to ensure reasonable cable TV rates.

Federal regulators react to accident, call for more visible train exit signs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators prepared emergency regulations Tuesday calling for more visible exit signs on train cars in the wake of a fiery crash that killed eleven.

Investigators are trying to determine whether as many as eight of the 11 fatalities could have been avoided had there been no fire or if the victims had easier avenues of escape.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena scheduled a White House briefing to propose immediate safety measures.

A Maryland state medical examiner reported Monday that one crewman and seven Job Corps trainees aboard the commuter train that struck a Chicago-bound Amtrak train died from the intense smoke and flames, and not from the crash impact.

Examination of the charred remains showed "no evidence of injuries (from the crash) that would have been fatal by themselves," Dr. John Smialek, Maryland's chief medical examiner, said in an interview. He said two other crewmen and another student clearly died of injuries from impact.

All of the fatalities Friday were aboard the commuter. Nine passengers, including seven in the lead car that sustained the most severe damage, escaped.

The disclosure raised further questions about whether survivors might have had problems opening jammed exit doors and windows, or had unclear instructions on how to open escape ways. The windows were made of a type of glass that would have been almost impossible to break, one investigator said.

The National Transportation Safety Board also was expected now to take an even closer look at the design of the Amtrak locomotive, a General Motors model on which the fuel tanks extend beyond the main locomotive frame, making them more susceptible to rupture if hit.

Amtrak spokesman Clifford Black said Monday the locomotive, built in the 1970s, is the standard design in the railroad industry, but that Amtrak was gradually replacing it with a more modern version that encloses the fuel tank within the main frame. So far, Amtrak has bought 54 of the newer locomotives and is one of only two rail-

roads that have them. The railroad has 210 diesel locomotives.

The No. 2 engine on the Amtrak train involved in the crash was of the newer design, but was not heavily damaged. The lead locomotive was just beginning to shift to a parallel track in Silver Spring, Md., north of Washington when the collision with the commuter train occurred.

Witnesses have told the NTSB that some of the victims aboard the Maryland Rail Commuter frantically tried to get out of the car, but were unable to open or break windows.

"We found some doors that didn't open. We don't know the reasons why. We also found some exit windows, based on sketchy reports, (that) may not have opened the way we like to see them open," said John Goglia, who is heading the NTSB investigation.

Several witnesses who arrived at the scene almost immediately after the crash reported people banging on windows, according to rescue officials and published more in the railroad industry and intend to ask CSX why a signal closer to the crash site was removed in 1993.

Oklahoma City bombing trial moved to Denver

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A judge Tuesday moved the federal building bombing trial to Denver, saying Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols could not be guaranteed a fair trial in the state where the deadliest domestic terrorist attack was carried out.

"The interests of the victims in being able to attend this trial in Oklahoma are outweighed by the court's obligation to assure that the trial be conducted with fundamental fairness and with due regard for all constitutional

requirements," U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch wrote.

Defense attorneys had maintained that intense media coverage of the April 19 bombing in Oklahoma would make a fair trial impossible in the state.

"I am pleased that we were able to convince the judge that the trial should not be held in Oklahoma," McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones said.

Prosecutors had argued that an impartial jury could be seated. They sought to have the trial in

Tulsa, 90 miles to the northeast of Oklahoma City, so that victims' families could easily attend.

The government does not have the right to appeal the decision and is prepared to "go forward expeditiously to trial," Attorney General Janet Reno said.

"We intend to pursue every means available to provide survivors and loved ones with an opportunity to observe and follow events in the courtroom," she said in a statement released by the Justice Department.

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